



Coastguard operations proposals 'seriously flawed'

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PLANS for the Dover Coastguard to be one of only three 24-hour centres in the country should be scrapped, says an influential select committee.

Under proposals put forward, the Government would have cut the number of coastguard centres from 18 to ten, with only three fully operational at all hours of the day.

Two nationally networked maritime operations centres, in Aberdeen and the Solent area would remain open, while Dover, because of the importance and the volume of naval traffic in the English Channel, would also remain open.

A total of eight coastguard centres are set to close under these proposals, which the select committee has condemned as "seriously flawed".

Transport Committee chair Louise Ellman said: "We accept there is a need for some modernisation, but the Government's proposals for the future of the coastguard service are seriously flawed.

"We found little support for the current proposals and we have no confidence that, under these proposals, the coastguard will in future be able to respond to emergencies at sea as well as they do now, let

alone in a more effective way. "A drastic reduction in the number of rescue co-ordination centres will result in a loss of local knowledge amongst coastguard officers who are responsible for taking calls from people and vessels in distress."

The proposals would also have withdrawn funding for four Emergency Towing Vessels (ETVs) around the UK, including one in Dover.

The ETV Anglian Monarch is funded by authorities on both sides of the Channel, and recently the French government has said they would deploy a Navy tug from the Bay of Biscay to the Dover Straits to avoid an "environmental catastrophe".

Mrs Ellman said: "We found no evidence that a suitable commercial alternative for these tugs exists.

"The Government's decision to withdraw funding for the ETVs is unwise and short-sighted – quite literally, it is inviting disaster."

Transport secretary Philip Hammond said: "We have received a large number of high quality responses from those directly affected by the proposals and, as we have signalled already, we will take account of these when we publish our final proposals later this summer."



Crowds flock to hear port privatisation plans

HUNDREDS packed into the Town Hall last week to discuss the saga of the port's privatisation and a potential community trust.

Dover Harbour Board (DHB) bosses told the residents how a Port of Dover Community Trust (PDCT) would provide the town with tens of millions of pounds worth of cash for investing in its regeneration.

At the lively meeting, residents voiced their concerns over the port being sold abroad, the influence the public would have following any privatisation, and over the viability of future developments. The DHB trio of representatives tried to push home the message of how the PDCT would give the town a boost that would not be found anywhere else.

DHB chief executive Bob Goldfield said: "In the present situation with the nation's economy and finances, I can't see in the next two to three generations, or the next generation at least, anywhere where substantial funds are going to come to the community."

"In very round figures, this community trust could provide the town with a £90-£95 million boost in the next five years and

substantial millions in the following years."

DHB chairman Roger Mountford said: "We proposed that at the privatisation, the PDCT be given, from the port, £10m in cash and a £20m stake in the privatised port. From that it would earn dividends on the profits of the port in years to come and it would be guaranteed £1m a year for the first five years. This is a substantial amount of cash guaranteed to be in the hands of the trustees of the PDCT."

The DHB members were keen to state that nothing has been finalised and that this is an on-going debate, where the views of the public and the residents would be taken into account, even recognising the local MP and champion of the opposing People's Port bid, Charlie Elphicke, for stimulating discussion.

Mr Mountford said: "I would like to acknowledge the part he has played in getting the people of Dover engaged in a lively debate on the role of the community in, and following, the privatisation of the port."

Mr Goldfield added: "I think it is a matter of

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'Stitched up' claim in case

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The court case at Canterbury Crown Court is investigating a major drugs factory at sites in both Whitstable and Dover. **PAGE 3**

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The pass, which costs £100, is currently only available to 11-16-year-olds. **PAGE 2**

NEWS IN BRIEF

➔ Expensive backtrack

THE Government's decision to backtrack on plans for 50 per cent sentence cuts for criminals who plead guilty will come at a price, says University of Kent criminologist Prof Alex Stevens.

He said: "This U-turn leaves a funding hole of over £100m. Other savings proposals include deeper cuts to probation services and restricted access to legal aid. We will be spending more on ineffective prison sentences and less on effective community punishments."

➔ Hearing loss revelation

THE Archbishop of Canterbury Dr Rowan Williams has admitted that he has been partially deaf nearly all his life.

Supporting the charity Action on Hearing Loss, he said: "When I was about two, meningitis left me with total loss of hearing in my left ear. I've got used to it."

➔ Brad's coming to town

NEW details have been revealed about heart-throb Brad Pitt shooting his latest film in Kent.

The film crew are to take over the derelict Morrisons supermarket in Tunbridge Wells and transform it into a set for the new £150m zombie movie, World War Z. The actor is rumoured to be arriving in the town on July 21.

The moviemakers have been given permission to park on double yellow lines during filming.

ENTERTAINMENT

Our queen of new comedy is ready to come home

By Steve Knight

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THE winner of Radio 2's New Comedy Award says she has no fear in coming home to perform in front of Kent's toughest audiences.

Angela Barnes, 34, scooped the prize at a ceremony last weekend and is now looking forward to returning to the town where she grew up – Maidstone – which was recently voted by 100 famous

stand-ups as the third most hostile in the UK.

Goofy comic Alan Carr had previously labelled the town's audiences as "homophobic, narrow-minded morons".

But Angela, whose first performance was in November, 2009, says the majority of her experiences in front of Kent's live audiences have been positive so far.

She said: "I've done two gigs in Maidstone, both were open mic nights. They're always a bit dodgy so I can't really blame the town as a whole. The first at Drakes was lovely but the second at the Druid's Arms was a bit more difficult.

"It was Easter Sunday, everyone had been drinking and it got pretty rowdy in there.

"But I love gigging in Kent. What's nice is that the majority of crowds want to be entertained and are on your side, as opposed to London audiences, who are spoilt for choice and come wanting to be impressed."

Angela, who attended Invicta Grammar School but now lives in Brighton, picked up the New Comedy Award at a ceremony hosted by Irish comic Patrick Kielty.

To get there she had to fight her way through the regional heats and a semi-final before beating five other hopefuls in a public vote.

Stand-up talents Sarah Millican and Stephen K Amos were among those in attendance.



FUNNY WOMAN: Maidstone's Angela Barnes is the winner of Radio 2's New Comedy Award and says she looks forward to returning to Kent for a gig

Angela said: "I nearly didn't enter the competition at all so it was a massive shock to win.

"I really hope I can get my foot in the door now and perform at clubs and gigs I wouldn't have been able to before.

"What I really want to do is radio comedy. I've always been a massive Radio 4 nerd and the News Quiz is great. Linda Smith was my hero, so to follow in her footsteps would be an absolute dream."

Angela, who also works as a freelance proofreader, copy-writer and

transcriber, describes her comedy style as "self-deprecating but not in a depressing way".

But she is also not averse to poking fun at her home town, as was demonstrated during her set at the Brighton heat of the New Comedy Award.

She asked the audience: "Anyone know Maidstone? It's a hole isn't it. It's no coincidence that an anagram of Maidstone is 'I am stoned'. Nothing else to do – just anagrams."

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TRANSPORT

Freedom pass petition calls for debate on extended age range to older students

MORE than 10,000 people have signed an online petition calling for transport chiefs to extend the popular Freedom bus pass scheme to sixth-form students.

The pass currently provides bus travel for 11 to 16-year-olds for a one-off annual fee of £100, and earlier this month Kent County Council announced that young carers can receive one for free.

However young people aged 17-20 say it is not fair they are being left out in the cold.

If the petition is signed by 12,000 people before July 7 then KCC will be

forced to hold a debate on the issue.

The petition description reads: "Teens in Kent should not be treated any differently in terms of bus travel.

"There are a limited number of part-time jobs available in Kent, therefore making it difficult for students to pay for their bus travel.

"It is becoming increasingly difficult to pay as the bus fares continue to rise. Driving is not a choice as insurance for teenagers is at an extortionate price, and that's all before the price of petrol and so on."

The Freedom pass was first piloted in 2007 in Canterbury, Tonbridge

and Tunbridge Wells, before being rolled out across the county over the following two years. There are now more than 27,000 passes on issue.

KCC says the main aims of the scheme include improving safety, encouraging greater use of sustainable transport and reducing congestion and journey times.

Visit the e-petitions section of www.kent.gov.uk to add your name.

Meanwhile, plans to end free transport for some grammar and faith school children are to be discussed at a meeting of the council's cabinet scrutiny committee on Monday.

CRIME

'I'm being stitched up' says accused in £1 million cannabis factory case

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A GRAPHIC designer told police he was conned into signing lease forms for a car showroom which was turned into a cannabis factory.

Roger Coombs, 70, from Crawley was in partnership with gallery owner John Read, 54, of Marine Parade, Tankerton, when he signed the forms.

On April 15 last year, police raided the showrooms in Coombe Valley Road, Dover and found two teenage Vietnamese gardeners locked inside with dope worth £1 million, Canterbury Crown Court heard.

Coombs denies two charges of conspiring to produce cannabis and one of conspiring to pervert the course of justice. Read denies three cannabis production charges and conspiring to pervert the course of justice.

In all, drugs worth £3.3 million were seized from locations at the Joseph Wilson Industrial Estate, Whitstable and Upper Shelvin Farm, Wootton between Dover and Canterbury.

During interviews with Detective Constable David Godden, Coombs said he'd been a partner in the Art Tank Gallery in Whitstable.

In December 2009, a mysterious Vietnamese woman, Miyang Njuyen, started buying paintings. Then she told Read she was looking for storage space.

Read leased the former Motorline Garage in Dover and said the woman wanted storage space and

**HEARING:**

Canterbury Crown Court heard about the signing of the lease on the cannabis factory

would Coombs sign the rent documents.

Coombs told DC Godden: "I sound like an absolute bloody idiot. I'm being stitched up here aren't I?"

The warehouse was rented for £2,000 a month and the woman was to pay £200 rising to £900 on top. As proof of identity, Coombs was shown an EDF electricity bill, which later turned out to be a forgery, and a photocopy of a British passport which had a picture of a different woman on it.

Coombs claimed he never set foot in the Dover premises.

He said: "I'm absolutely amazed this has come about. John is a Jack the Lad character. I don't know what to believe - he's set me up a treat."

Coombs told police he became a director after

Read was barred by Companies House from ever being a company director.

Coombs said: "I wish I never did it. Twenty-two hindsight is a marvellous thing. I was left holding a lot of babies."

On the day police smashed their way into the warehouse, Coombs and Read were trying to get the lease documents altered so the Vietnamese woman was the tenant.

DC Godden said: "You say you didn't know there was the best part of a million quid in drugs and two Vietnamese gardeners inside and you didn't know anything about it?"

Coombs answered: "I thought it was a bit dodgy."

The case continues.

DOCKS

Community 'must' be involved in port

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taking public opinion along with us.

"There are bound to be conflicting views in the community; they have strong feelings about a port that has been here for 3,000 years. You've got to take the community along with you.

"We are trying to get as much information out into the public domain as we can."

Meanwhile, plans to refurbish some of Dover port's iconic buildings are under way as part of Dover Harbour Board's project to preserve listed properties over the next four years.

Following refurbishment of the port's three lighthouses last year, attention has turned to other listed buildings, including the impressive Grade II Cruise Terminal 1 (CT1) and the covered walkway on Admiralty Pier. The preliminary design stage for this £10m project is under way and it is hoped that the detailed design will begin in autumn 2011.

CT1's roof will be removed and replaced with strengthened laminated glazing, while cracks in the masonry will be repaired and the remaining steelwork refurbished and repainted locally.

Mike Krayenbrink, director of port development said: "Our heritage projects will protect these iconic structures for another century for the enjoyment of all.

"The works are returning a grand Victorian building to its former glory and contributing towards regeneration."

EDUCATION

Army assault course a test for children

YEAR Six pupils from Dover College got a PE lesson with a difference when they tackled an Army assault course.

The students took part in a leadership and team building activity day with members of the British Army's Headquarters 2 (South East) Brigade in Shorncliffe, Folkestone.

They tried their hands at a mini-assault course, paintballing, rock climbing, observational skills and working in teams to solve problems.

School staff said all the children had great fun and the day was topped off with a lunch which they cooked themselves from Army ration packs.

They were fascinated to find all the food was boiled in the bag and each pack contained wind proof matches and lots of other tricks to help the modern soldier when on operations.

Major Tristan Kemp, who headed up the day, said: "It's fantastic to share with the children some of the fun things we do in the Army.

"With so many soldiers and their families in the communities we're delighted to have this interaction with a school."

CONSERVATION

Students volunteer to take steps to sorting out Drop Redoubt path

STUDENTS from schools across Dover have helped mend 25 steps on the North Downs Way at Drop Redoubt, on the Western Heights.

The youngsters were all studying construction with K College - formerly known as South Kent College - at the Dover Skills Centre.

They worked for two days with tutor Nik Weakley to repair the steps that are essential for people to access the countryside from Dover town centre.

Paul Sampson of the White Cliffs Countryside project said: "The weather wasn't brilliant but their enthusiasm was great. They had total respect for what we are doing.

"The timber steps and their supports were rotting. They had to dig out pieces of timber 1.2m long and make sure there were no trip hazards.

"What they were doing will help them to understand more about the countryside, the management of these structures, dealing with animals because we have cattle grazing the land, and working on a steep slope. It was learning in an outdoor experience and they were cheerful, keen to do the work, and worked well as a team."

Celine McGeown, centre co-ordinator of the Dover Skills Centre said the two-day work was part of a collaboration between K College, Kent County Council and the White Cliffs Project,



HARD WORKERS: The students helped to mend timber steps at Drop Redoubt

and hoped they would all work together again in future.

She said: "They faced rain and hail on the first day but it didn't dent their enthusiasm, and was a good introduction for them going into the construction industry.

"One of their mums told me 'he came home tired and covered in dirt and said mum, you have never had to work hard like this in your life'. But he came back smiling the next day. This was a fantastic opportunity to get them in-

involved in a community project where they could use the skills they have learned over the past year."

The students were Cody Halford, St Edmunds School, Dover; Callum Brayne, Joe Michael, Billy Wheeler, George Lansdown, Harry Tregunno and Elliott Barlow from Deal's Castle Community School and Tyler Lee from Astor School of Performing Arts.

K College is the new name for South Kent College following its merger with West Kent College.

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ABUSE

Hidden terror of forced marriages

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HUNDREDS of victims of forced marriages are suffering in silence in Kent, according to a charity dedicated to exposing the county's "secret shame".

The Karma Nirvana organisation has reported a 52 per cent increase in calls from Kent in the last year but says there are likely to be many more young people – mainly those from Pakistani Muslim and Indian Sikh families – who are too afraid to come forward.

Co-founder Jasvinder Sanghera, who was disowned by her parents after refusing an arranged marriage 29 years ago, told KoS the problem results in countless suicides and at least 12 "honour killings" nationally every year.

She added: "What we know about forced marriage is that it's under-reported and a hidden crime. In Kent there will be many hundreds of victims, and they could be anywhere.

"It's not just areas where there are large Asian populations like Gravesend, where these crimes are likely to be going on. That's why more work needs to be done to identify victims living in other towns where the population is not so large."

Karma Nirvana's helpline takes about 5,000 calls a year, with the majority of callers aged 12-21 but the youngest just eight.

In addition to south Asian communities, forced marriage is also a problem – albeit to a lesser extent – among Kurdish, Iranian, Afghan and Somali communities.

In many cases marriages are arranged before a child reaches the age of consent, with some children even promised to other families at birth.

But even when marriages are arranged legally, Ms Sanghera says, participants should be allowed to decline without fear of reprisal.

She said: "The community network among people who practice arranged marriages is often strong, and word quickly gets out if something goes wrong."



FEAR: The number of calls for help in the county has more than doubled, but it is thought many more women are too scared to come forward

"Another problem is that many people are prevented from integrating because British society is regarded as a threat to their culture.

"Multiculturalism is a myth as far as these people are concerned, but sadly some professionals turn a blind eye to what's going on because they see it as a cultural problem. But it's not a cultural problem – it's abuse."

This week Ms Sanghera and other survivors held a discussion at Kent Police headquarters in Maidstone, where they spoke to professionals from the force, domestic violence teams, child protection bodies, health workers, schools, social workers and charities.

Saima (not real name) spoke at the roadshow, revealing how she was tricked into visiting Pakistan on holiday only to be kidnapped and wed to an abusive husband.

She fell pregnant and returned to the UK in secret but lost her baby when she was stabbed by a hitman hired by her family.

Saima said: "I think they thought I had brought shame on them and brought dishonour on the family.

"I remember telling to my mum and telling her everything he had done to me and every way he abused me. I was crying. But she told me: 'He's your husband. Even if he kills you we don't care because you're no longer our property'."

For more information call the Karma Nirvana Honour Network Helpline on 0800 5 999 247 or visit www.karmanirvana.org.uk.

NEWS IN BRIEF

➔ Police watchdog head

ANN Barnes has been re-elected for the sixth year as chairwoman of Kent's police watchdog.

Her deputy at Kent Police Authority is Kent County Council's Cllr Mike Hill.

Mrs Barnes, who lives in North Lymington, near Folkestone, said: "We have a new way of policing to be launched in the autumn."

KPA monitors Kent Police's performance, appoints the chief constable and sets the police budget.

➔ Kent Test registration

PARENTS who would like their child to sit the Kent Test in September for grammar school entry in 2012 need to register by Friday, July 1.

To apply either log onto ola.kent.gov.uk/kccadmissions/prefs.php, pick up a form from primary schools, or call 01622 696565.

Tests will be held on September 13-14, those outside Kent will sit the test on September 17.

Assessments for grammar school or high school will be sent out on Monday, October 17.

➔ School arson arrest

A 16-year-old has been arrested after an arson attack at a Maidstone school on Tuesday night.

Police say damage was caused to the science block of St Simon Stock secondary school.

The fire did not take hold and although Kent Fire and Rescue Service were called, the fire had already gone out when they arrived.

The boy from Chatham was arrested on Wednesday and was bailed until July 27.

CRIME

'Irrational' court closure to remain in force as legal challenge fails

CAMPAIGNERS have beamed the loss of Sittingbourne Magistrates' Court after failing with a legal challenge to prevent its closure.

The Ministry of Justice is planning to close 142 courts in England and Wales in an attempt to save £41.5 million a year in running costs and building maintenance.

But opponents say the decision to close Sittingbourne is "irrational" given that it has disabled access, was well-used, and is the only court of any kind in the whole of Swale.

Chatham-based solicitors Robin Murray & Co launched a legal challenge against the decision but were dealt a blow by High Court judges last week.

Announcing their decision, Mr Justice Beatson said: "It is understandable that closure of a court raises serious concerns among the professionals who work at or use a court, other court users, and residents."



NO MORE: The magistrates' court is to stay out of service

The hearing at London's Royal Courts of Justice was told a consultation into the closure was "flawed and perverse". Lawyers claimed the criteria used by the Lord Chancellor's department to select courts deemed as having inadequate facilities was never revealed.

Robin Murray & Co partner Richard Atkinson said: "The judges recognised it was a serious matter, but they decided the process was lawful.

"This is likely to lead to an increase in costs for the criminal justice system, as well as

injustice through people being unwilling to travel long distances to get to courts which are many miles away.

"It will reduce confidence in local justice, which will only be bad for the community."

The decision to shut 142 courts – including Ashford magistrates' – was made last December after a review of court buildings in England and Wales.

Deputy chairman of the national Magistrates' Association, John Fassenfelt, has presided over cases at Sittingbourne for 20 years and provided a witness statement in support of the judicial review.

He said afterwards: "The Government is pushing its Big Society idea but the Big Society is letting the residents of Swale down. It's sad to see a building that has served Swale so well be put out of service."

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DEVELOPMENT: Hop Farm wants to enhance its position as a major Kent tourist attraction

DEVELOPMENT

Hop Farm 'masterplan' for the future unveiled

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A HOTEL and children's rides are among wide-ranging plans to develop the Hop Farm.

The Paddock Wood attraction has handed a 'masterplan' to Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council and a public consultation has been launched.

With a collection of Grade-II listed oast houses, the oldest dating from 1894, to maintain and located within the Green Belt, development has become a sensitive issue.

The council has already issued several enforcement notices, which the tourist attraction is currently appealing.

Disputes arose after planning bosses refused retrospective applications for a miniature driving school in July 2010 and a children's climbing frame attached to one of the oasts in January, 2009. The venue is also appealing an enforcement notice on a marquee.

Meanwhile, new proposals

include an interactive attraction "bringing the history of the Hop Farm to life", enhancing the entrance building as a local produce store and a woodland area for children.

The miniature driving school and 'bouncing pillows' will be kept, but their appearance "softened", the proposals state.

Cllr Nicolas Heslop, the council's portfolio holder for planning, said: "The masterplan has been put out for public consultation and we will consider the response to that at a meeting on July 28.

"The Hop Farm has held a consultation, but it is important for the council to carry out our own separate consultation to gain independent views from the wider public."

He said members would be carrying out a site inspection before considering the results of the consultation.

The Hop Farm was bought by Peter Bull in 2007, who has focused on the family market.

It is hoped that so-called

'special circumstances' will allow the owners to build on green belt land. These include the economic case for development to support the local tourism industry, jobs and the local economy, to ensure the business is viable and the attraction a success in the long-term, and keep up maintenance.

The Hop Farm points out that attractions such as Thorpe Park and Legoland have been granted permission to develop on green belt and that the councils involved gave weight to their economic benefits.

The council said it did not wish to "discourage appropriate development of the site as a tourist facility" but was concerned that "piecemeal development could result in an adverse change in the character of the area as a whole".

No-one for the Hop Farm was available to comment before this paper went to press.

To take part in the consultation email planning.applications@tmhc.gov.uk.



EMPLOYMENT

Pfizer to keep 350 jobs in the county

PFIZER has announced that it will retain some of its pharmaceutical sciences operations at its Sandwich site – a move that will save 350 jobs.

The move from total withdrawal to partial-withdrawal of the high-spec facility is intended to attract new investors and occupants onto the East Kent plot, which has been rebranded Discovery Park.

Outgoing Sandwich site head Dr Ruth McKernan, who is leaving her role to take up the same position at Pfizer's Cambridge base, said on Thursday: "We are hopeful, that by retaining this core group at Sandwich, Pfizer will be the first of many companies to locate on the site.

"We remain focused on securing new owners and investment into Discovery Park."

McKernan's replacement, Dr Annette Doherty, added: "Pfizer's retained pharmaceutical sciences operations at Sandwich will maintain a nucleus of industry-leading talent, skills and capabilities in science and technology at the site.

"It will be a key part of my role as site director to support the hard work being done to find new uses for the plot, and continue to support colleagues through the transition as we proceed with our phased exit."

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EDUCATION

Students lay blame for high tuition fees on Coalition cuts

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STUDENTS at Canterbury Christ Church University have spoken out against plans to increase tuition fees to just under the £9,000 maximum.

The university, which also has campuses in Medway, Broadstairs, Folkestone and Tunbridge Wells, announced last week that it wants to charge undergraduates £8,500 per annum from next year.

But students' union president Steve Godwin has laid the blame at the door of the Coalition government.

He said: "The situation regarding tuition fees changed after we campaigned alongside the National Union of Students for a graduate tax. However, our view remains – higher education should be accessible to all.

"The Coalition has forced higher education institutions into the position they find themselves in but, given that many other institutions have announced a £9,000 annual fee, we acknowledge our institution has been compelled to apply its values in these challenging circumstances.

"We retain the view that it was



FEES: Canterbury Christ Church will charge students £8,500 per year

wrong for the Coalition to have reduced the higher education budget by so much when there remains no mandate for it to have done so."

Earlier this month the University for the Creative Arts, which has campuses in Rochester, Canterbury and Maidstone, also announced its intention to increase fees to £8,500. The University of Kent had already proposed to hit the £9,000 maximum.

Christ Church vice-chancellor Professor Robin Baker said: "We have taken into account the concerns of our future students and their families, and sought to try and limit the amount of debt as far as we can.

"The £8,500 fee balances what we need to offer for our courses to be sustainable, taking into consideration our commitment to provide generous access provision.

"This fee, together with the range of financial support we'll make available, reflects our determination to ensure university education at Canterbury Christ Church remains accessible to those who will most benefit from it, particularly for students from lower income backgrounds.

"In addition to financial assistance we'll be offering generous support packages, likely to include bursaries, fee waivers and scholarships."

The Government announced last year that universities in England would be able to treble their yearly fees to £9,000. These will be funded, as now, by the taxpayer in the form of student loans. Graduates then pay back the costs of these directly from their pay once they begin earning more than £21,000.

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CHILD PROTECTION

Report sheds light on child protection failings

By Steve Knight

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AN INDEPENDENT report into Kent's child protection service has warned that a "great deal" still needs to be done to correct failings in the system.

The confidential document, which was made public following a request by county council leader Cllr Paul Carter, is the first of a series of quarterly updates on the progress made by social care chiefs since a damning Ofsted inspection last year.

Author Liz Railton – independent chairwoman of the

Kent Improvement Board – said that while the service was now heading in the right direction, there was no room for complacency.

She wrote: "Referral rates, numbers of children subject to child protection plans and numbers of children looked after have continued to rise.

"Although recruitment strategies have been successful and, with the help of agency staff, vacancy levels at the frontline are relatively low, the service is highly stressed by these high levels of activity.

"The work done thus far has been impressive and it begins

to address all the requirements of the improvement notice.

"But it is not yet possible to assess progress as being sufficient to give confidence either that children are consistently safer in the short term or that improvement can be sustained over time."

Ms Railton added: "In the context of a large and diverse county, a great deal remains to be done to achieve sustained impact."

Last December KCC received a 'poor' rating as part of Ofsted's annual assessment of children's services.

The authority had been

warned such a verdict was likely after the watchdog rated its safeguarding and looked-after children services as "inadequate" the previous month.

Areas of concern included the weak management and supervision of staff, low educational attainment of youngsters in care, and social workers with high caseloads.

It was later revealed that more than 2,000 at-risk children did not have an allocated social worker, although this number has now plummeted to about 65.

Ms Railton's report urges the council to implement some "significant" changes to improve the service, including



AT RISK: Report says more needs to be done to help the county's vulnerable children

a new operating model and a much improved IT system.

She also calls on the author-

ity to appoint a permanent corporate director for families and social care, as the current man in charge – Malcolm Newsam – is only employed on an interim basis at a cost of £1,250 a day in agency fees.

KCC cabinet member for specialist children's services, Cllr Jenny Whittle, said the report was a realistic picture of where the authority is currently.

She added: "It does take time to turn around the service and rebuild the morale of a service that received such a poor Ofsted report.

"I'm encouraged because Liz states we are on the right track, but we know there's still a lot more to do."

Taxpayer could help pay boarding school fees

VULNERABLE children may be shipped off to boarding school at taxpayers' expense to reduce the risk of them being permanently removed from their families.

Kent County Council says the 'assisted boarding' scheme would cost up to £25,000 per child per year, compared to more than £156,000 a year to care for a child in a residential home.

The authority is in discussions with the Royal Alexandra and Albert School in Reigate, Surrey, and also plans to hold

talks with schools in Kent.

It is hoped that 40 per cent of the costs will be met by charitable foundations.

A report into the scheme reads: "The concept is that, in families where there is a significant strain on the relationship between parent/carer and child, removing the child from the home during term time may reduce the strain on parents who are struggling to cope financially, physically or emotionally, thereby increasing the likelihood that the family will remain intact while also improving the

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VICTORIAN FAIR: Spectators and enthusiasts alike enjoyed the celebrations as the 74th Dickens Festival went off with a bang in Broadstairs last week

Festival goers' great expectations met at Dickens celebration

By Mathew Beech

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THOUSANDS of visitors from all across the world travelled to Broadstairs to celebrate the life and work of Charles Dickens.

The globe-trotting literature lovers headed to the seaside town to take part in the celebrations, which have been running annually for 74 years, apart from during World War Two.

At this year's festival, which ran from Saturday, June 18, to Friday, June 24, the events included a daily Victorian country fair held in a marquee in Victoria Gardens; a Victorian bathing party where people dressed in period swim wear took to the sea; schoolchildren singing at the bandstand, including a recital of Oliver by students from Hartsdown Technology College; and a nightly festival play staged at the Memorial Theatre.

Broadstairs is home to original Bleak House.

The mayoress of Broadstairs Mave Saunders, an active festival volunteer over the past 47 years, said: "It is a wonderful festival and it brings lots of people from all over the world here to Broadstairs."

"At the play there were people there from Holland and America, as well as people who had travelled from Scotland and Hereford."

"The nicest thing though is that it encourages the children to get involved by playing their instruments and singing at the bandstand; they usually turn up in costume too."

Plans for next year are already under way, with the event being not only the 75th year since the first festival, it also marks the 200th anniversary of Charles Dickens' birth.

Cllr Saunders said: "There are lots of plans for next year and it will be spectacular."

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News

EQUALITY

Kent FA equality bid to make the playing field level for all

By Steve Knight

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AN EQUALITY audit is being carried out by the Kent FA to ensure gay, disabled and female footballers are being properly represented in the sport.

The survey, which also asks questions relating to age and ethnicity, has been circulated to all coaches, referees, volunteers and clubs involved in the game at grassroots level.

KCFA officials will use the results to ensure people from all backgrounds are being given an equal opportunity to play football in the county.

Development manager Darryl Haden said an unofficial audit carried out by the association last year revealed several areas of improvement.

He said: "We need to be fully representative of Kent's communities. The last survey revealed that 92 per cent of our council members were above the age of 45, when most players are actually a lot younger."

"As a result we're consider-



NO BARRIERS: Kent FA says football is open to everyone

ing setting up a youth forum to give players a say at that level.

"The audit also showed only four per cent of people taking part in our coaching courses were female, so we're looking to run women-only coaching and refereeing courses to increase that figure.

"It's the same with ethnic minority groups. We are targeting certain areas of the county because we want the game to be inclusive to everyone."

Last year KCFA was awarded the prestigious Foundation

Level of the National Equality Standard of Sport in recognition of its attempts to promote equality in Kent.

The association, which devotes 34 per cent of its annual budget to the cause, is now working towards the next stage up, the preliminary level.

In Kent there are more than 40 women's and 100 girls' teams, as well as provision for disabled players.

Last January the county's first gay-friendly football club - Bexley Invicta - was formed, a development warmly welcomed by the KCFA.

Mr Haden said: "We support gay-friendly teams and would love to see more. We have an equality advisory group and have invited Bexley Invicta to send a representative to our next meeting, because it's important clubs have a say."

"Barriers to playing football no longer exist. The challenge for us is to make sure people are aware they can play regardless of race, gender, ability or sexuality."

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HEALTH

Charities fight back at protest over 'cruel and futile' animal drug tests

By Jenna Pudelek

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FOUR leading medical research charities have come under fire from a Kent-based animal rights group for using money from donations to fund experiments on monkeys, dogs and mice.

Animal Aid has launched a boycott campaign against Cancer Research UK, British Heart Foundation, Parkinson's UK, and the Alzheimer's Society, saying their animal-based research is "cruel and futile".

But the charities, whose collective annual income is more than £710 million, have hit back, saying research involving animals remained essential.

Andrew Tyler, director of the Tonbridge-based animal rights group, argued the campaigners want cures too, but their research, set out in the report Victims of Charity, found that animal experiments into cancer, dementia, heart disease, and Parkinson's, have failed to advance human medicine.

"Our argument is that there is enormous suffering involved in so many of these experiments, but additionally the so-called animal models of diseases such as cancer, dementia, Parkinson's and heart disease are simply not reliable."



CAMPAIGN: Protestors want people to boycott the charities until they abandon their animal testing research methods

Animal Aid's report was written and researched by Dr Adrian Stallwood, a hospital doctor, and Andre Menache, a veterinary surgeon.

Mr Menache, who lives in Sevenoaks, said: "Comparing treatment outcomes in animals and people, systematic reviews have all come out with the same conclusions that it is about as reliable as tossing a coin."

Earlier this month, The Lancet medical journal published an open letter to the Prime Minister David Cameron and Health Secretary Andrew Lansley about the safety of medicine. The authors raised concerns about the growing problems of drug failures and

adverse drug reactions, the increasing cost of drugs and the pressure it put on the NHS. They blamed an over-reliance on animals to predict drug behaviour in man and called on the Government to compare human-biology-based tests with those currently in use.

Animal Aid's report urges the charities to stop funding animal research and use methods that are directly relevant to people, such as donated human tissue and organs, micro-dosing, computer modelling and imaging technologies.

The charities also put forward powerful arguments, Dr David Scott, director of science funding at Cancer Research UK, said: "Cancer survival has doubled over the last 40 years – that progress is based on the wide array of new treatments developed and tested using animal research."

"Every donation we receive makes a huge difference. If this campaign is successful, it will damage the progress we're making in beating cancer as fewer treatments will be developed."

Animal Aid ran adverts in national newspapers urging the public to stop giving to the charities unless they end their support for animal testing. Its report found 80 medical research charities that do not support animal testing.

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More than £200,000 of payments were made for electronics goods such as games consoles and laptops which were never supplied.

Denis James Farley, 29, of Whitehall Road, Ramsgate, and Marco Caracciolo, 38, of West Cliff Road, Ramsgate, both pleaded not guilty but were convicted at Lewes Crown Court of 14 charges of money laundering the proceeds of fraud on dates during 2008.

Both were sentenced to two years imprisonment. There were also each served with a confiscation order under the Proceeds of Crime Act for £37,236.

The website claimed to be an electronics company named Zavvi Direct in Brighton.

Some £74,472 was debited from the company bank account into the account of Rosy Importers Ltd, cash was then moved onto Rosy Importers. Farley and Caracciolo were directors of both companies.

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INTERVIEW

He may be 65, but The Fonz is still wooing the crowds

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FOR those of a certain age, Henry Winkler is the epitome of cool; a man capable of turning women weak at the knees with a click of his fingers, and men swoon with admiration.

Because to millions around the world he is, was, and always will be Arthur Fonzarelli aka The Fonz. And if his enduring popularity was ever in doubt, being present at his visit to Kent last week proves the Happy Days star still packs an almighty wallop of star appeal.

Now a pensioner, having turned 65 last year, Mr Winkler was in town to talk about his struggles with dyslexia. And after giving an inspirational speech to children at Valence special school, near Westerham, youngsters queued up along with star-struck staff to meet him.

Mr Winkler may be best remembered as Fonzie in the cult 1970s sitcom, but he is also now seeing somewhat of a resurgence in his success as a television actor with two shows in the US.

And away from the cameras he has written 17

popular children's novels and is currently in the middle of a tour around schools in the UK giving talks about different ways of learning.

One thing he has clearly learned is the power of his presence.

As we wait for our few moments of face-to-face time, two women nervously approach him.

One works up the courage to ask for a picture with him, saying "You must get this all the time, but I love you". Winkler calmly brushes aside her worries and poses with her and her friend, clearly making both their days. Meanwhile, youngsters are equally keen to shake his hand – down to his best-selling book series, Hank Zipzer: The World's Greatest Underachiever.

For the past three years he has teamed up with First News, a children's newspaper, as part of a campaign to raise awareness about youngsters with learning challenges.

"We all have a very particular way of learning," he said. "I was in the bottom three per cent in the country academically, but I learnt that has nothing to do with what you can achieve."

"What I tell every child I meet is that you have

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His message will have had special resonance with the children at Valence School who have physical disabilities and complex medical needs.

Mr Winkler has spoken about the frustration he felt growing up because he wanted to succeed at school and he wanted to be able to read well. He was not diagnosed as dyslexic until he was 31.

“School was unbelievably hard for me,” he said. “Teachers didn’t know what dyslexia was at that time so I was labelled a troublemaker. I was told I was stupid, lazy, and not living up to my potential most of my life. And, when you’re young and you’re told that, you believe it.”

Asked how he ventured into writing children’s books, he said: “Someone suggested it and I thought ‘I cannot write a book, I’m supposed to be stupid’. But I eventually thought I’d try and now, 17 novels later... The most important thing

for me is that they make the children laugh.

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Earlier this year, Mr Winkler was awarded an OBE for services to children with special educational needs and dyslexia.

Meanwhile, he has just finished filming in Las Vegas for a movie with Hitch star Kevin James and Oscar nominee Salma Hayek, called Here Comes the Boom.

“I have two TV shows – Royal Pains and an outrageous spoof, Children’s Hospital,” he adds.

One thing is for sure. His visit may have been brief, but, its given a whole new generation some Happy Days.

■ SET around an idealised version of life in the mid 1950s and 60s, Happy Days has endured more than most television shows.

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First broadcast in 1974, it would make superstars from its young cast. Ron Howard, now one of Hollywood’s foremost movie directors will, for millions, always been known as Richie Cunningham.

But it was the character of The Fonz which captured the imagination. The suave motor mechanic emerged as the star of the show, with his entry greeted by near hysteric applause and cheering from the studio audience.

It made Henry Winkler one of the best-known faces on TV – today the leather jacket he wore in the hit series hangs in Washington’s Smithsonian Institution – one of America’s top museums.

HEY: Chief reporter Jenna Pudelek falls under the spell of Happy Days’ star Henry Winkler during his visit to meet and speak to children at Valence School, near Westerham, who face learning challenges. Despite a continuous acting career, the star is most well known for his early role as heartthrob Fonzie



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POLITICS

Marshall-Andrews writes himself as the Labour rebel with a cause

By **Steve Knight**

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OUTSPOKEN former Labour MP Bob Marshall-Andrews is hoping his newly published memoirs prove he was no rebel without a cause.

The ex-Medway representative, who stepped

down at the last general election after 13 years in Parliament, voted against the previous Labour government on many occasions and was seen as a major irritant to Tony Blair and his cabinet during Mr Blair's time as Prime Minister.

But Mr Marshall-Andrews says he never set out to be a dissenter when he was first elected in 1997,

and that he hoped his new book – entitled *Off Message* – would help the public understand why he was opposed to so many of his party's policies.

"There are two types of people who want to enter Parliament – those who want to achieve power and those who want to control it," he said. "And the first attracts more rogues and charlatans than the second."

"I saw my role as helping to control the executive. I didn't become an MP because I wanted to be a rebel, but I was turned into one because of the legislation put before me."

Mr Marshall-Andrews was highly critical of Mr Blair, and famously blamed him on the night of the 2005 general election when he thought he had lost the Medway seat to Tory rival and current Rochester and Strood MP Mark Reckless.

But despite retaining his position after a recount, Mr Marshall-Andrews continues to hold Mr Blair responsible for a drop in support for Labour due to the decision to go to war in Iraq.

He said: "I've always said I thought he was an authoritarian, a man obsessed with control, an anti-libertarian and a populist. But also I think he had after Kosovo an addiction to war."

"We would acknowledge each other if we passed in the hallway but I was probably his least favourite MP, which I'm not concerned about."

"It was permanently on my mind to quit the party and I was actually encouraged to by several other Labour MPs who said they would follow me if



BACKBENCHER: Bob Marshall-Andrews

I did. But I've been a member since 1972 and to concede the party to New Labour when I still believed in its core values would have been wrong.

"Ed Miliband is preferable to Blair and I'm much more in tune with his way of thinking. Whether he can lead the party to victory or not is another matter, because it's always difficult to contend with a seriously hostile press and a divided party."

Mr Marshall-Andrews won the Medway seat from Tory Dame Peggy Fenner in 1997. He beat Mark Reckless in 2001 and 2005 before his Tory rival took the new Rochester and Strood seat last year.

Mr Reckless has followed in his predecessor's footsteps, having voted against the Coalition several occasions times, including on tuition fees.

Mr Marshall-Andrews, who has moved away from Kent, said: "I had a strong attachment to Medway and my constituents. They're a robust lot and I like them enormously, but it doesn't benefit an area to have old MPs hanging around."

"I didn't get on very well with Mark Reckless but it's good to see he's continuing the trend of going against the Government when he feels he should."

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CRIME

Paedophile had huge collection of child sex abuse pictures and films

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A MAN who was caught with more than 43 hours of film of young boys being sexually abused has been sentenced to 18 months behind bars.

Graham Ree Davis, 27, of Wheeler Street, Maidstone, was arrested in June, 2010, when officers from Kent Police's public protection unit searched his home and found the child pornography on his computer.

Davis admitted the offences in March and was sentenced this week at Maidstone Crown Court. He was also made subject to a sex offenders prevention order for 10 years and was ordered to sign the sex offenders' register for the same period.

Analysis of Davis's computer revealed thousands of images on child abuse and hundreds of hours of movie clips. The images were predomi-

nantly of boys aged from 10 to 17-years-old, and included the most violent abuse that police rate at the maximum 'level 5'.

Officers also found evidence of Davis distributing images to other chatroom users. He had pretended to be a 15-year-old boy, and claimed he was responsible for a social network website containing indecent images of children.

He advised chatroom users of ways to access his online collection, in exchange for more images to be uploaded to his own website.

One other man has since been arrested in another county and is currently on bail pending analysis of computer equipment. Police are working to identify further suspects.

Det Con Mikaela Stevens of Kent Police's public protection unit said: "Davis made it clear he was happy to share his sickening collection with like-minded individuals. It is obvious he had no concept of the possibility he was encouraging child abuse by doing so, and I am glad the we have been able to put a stop to his activities."



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SICKNESS OUTBREAK

Family's compensation fight after their holiday camp norovirus hell

By Steve Knight

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A BUTLINS holiday from hell has prompted a family to join more than 100 others in taking legal action against the firm.

Up to 200 visitors and staff fell ill in a norovirus outbreak at the Bognor Regis camp in West Sussex, including the Smiths from Dartford who are among those seeking compensation.

Housewife Jayne, 36, had been looking forward to a week-long stay at the popular holiday camp with her husband Richard, 49, and their two daughters Chloe, eight, and Jessica, four, but instead they ended up going home on the fourth day due to illness.

Mrs Smith said: "It was a nightmare and we all need another holiday to get over it now."

"We booked in January and the children had been really look-



OUTBREAK: Hundreds fell ill

ing forward to it, but now we're all back home disappointed."

The Smiths also took their niece Ruby, four, and Mrs Smith's parents Anne and Ted to Butlins, but it was less than three days into their holiday that Mr Smith fell ill with a severe bout of sickness and diarrhoea.

His eldest daughter was next to be hit by the bug, which spread rapidly throughout the campsite from the weekend of June 9.

Mrs Smith said: "I wouldn't be surprised if there were more than 200 people who fell ill. It was a ghost town."

"The campsite apparently has a capacity of 5,000 but there wasn't anyone about be-

cause they were all ill in bed."

The Smiths went home after being told that to prevent the bug spreading they should stay in their chalet for 24 hours.

They were offered a £927 refund for the days they missed but have been advised by solicitors Irwin Mitchell that they may be entitled to more.

Travel law expert Clive Garner said: "Accepting a refund could impact on whether people are able to gain additional compensation above the amount of the refund."

A Butlins spokesman said the firm had a "robust and well-practised" procedure for dealing with any health risks.

He added: "The speedy reaction of our management and team in eradicating the outbreak of suspected norovirus received the approval of health officials from Arun District Council and the Health Protection Agency."

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WILDLIFE

EU budget cuts threat to the county's wildlife

By Mathew Beech

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A WILDLIFE charity has warned that EU budget cuts could force some animal species into extinction.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) is worried the scrapping of EU payments to farmers using techniques to protect and encourage vulnerable species will have catastrophic effects.

If the funds are removed from the EU budget proposals, which are being announced on Wednesday, June 29, the charity fears declining species in Kent such as the grey partridge, the lapwing and the tree sparrow will suffer.

Martin Harper, the RSPB's conservation director, said: "Our countryside has faced many threats, but this would be really savage.

"Rewarding farmers for protecting threatened wildlife has provided a lifeline to many sensitive species, which would otherwise have ebbed away.

"If the EU continues with this plan, there is no doubt that wildlife will suffer, with the possible ultimate UK extinction of some threatened species."

Bruce Fowkes, farmland bird advisor at the RSPB South East, said: "Slashing agri-environment funding would have a devastating effect on efforts by farmers in Kent to make their farms more wildlife friendly.

"Without financial incentives to manage areas for wildlife, many farmers will be unable to



IN DECLINE: The RSPB fears cuts to payments to farmers will impact on species such as the tree sparrow (above) and corn bunting (below) in Kent

take land out of production to provide important wildlife features.

"Much of the work being done by farmers to protect special landscapes like the North Kent Marshes would also suffer."

The NFU declined to comment on the leaked information, but a spokesman said rural development, including schemes to protect wildlife, are important to Kent farmers.

The spokesman said: "Rural development, including the wildlife scheme, is hugely important. It is very useful and means the farmers can do a lot of quality work.

"They can do some imaginative and creative things to conserve and protect a number of species."



HIGHWAYS

Contract signed 'to improve' roads

A NEW long-term contract for road maintenance will provide better value for taxpayers, says Kent Council Council.

The deal with Enterprise was signed on Tuesday and replaces the maintenance contract operated by Ringway.

The five-year contract – which can be extended to 10 years – starts on September 1 and is worth £45 million a year.

KCC roads chief Cllr Bryan Sweetland said: "This contract represents excellent value for money and will go a long way to improve the quality of Kent's roads. It also gives KCC increased control over cost and quality and will have a focus on 'local' service delivery."

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By Chris Britcher

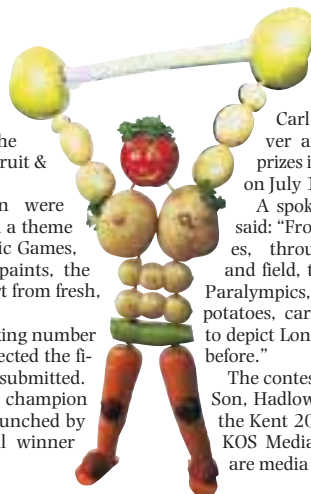
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EMPLOYMENT

Return to work scheme 'set to fail the jobless' in the most deprived areas of the county

By Steve Knight

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CRITICS of a Government scheme aimed at helping people back into work say it could be doomed to fail in severely deprived areas like Thanet.

Under the new Work Programme that began this month, approved providers – mostly private companies – will try to find employment for benefits claimants on a payment-by-results basis.

But according to a study by the Work Foundation think tank, there is a danger contractors will cherry-pick parts of the country where they are more likely to get results. This would then leave places like Thanet, which has 44 benefits claimants for every one job advertised, out in the cold.

"As the Work Programme is based on payment by results, contractors carry the initial risk," said report author Lizzie Crowley. "There is therefore the danger that private contractors will focus on investing in places where they are more likely to get people into work.



WORK: Contractors may avoid Thanet

"This could be a particular problem for isolated coastal regions like Thanet where there is no economic centre and few job opportunities. Margate in particular has a lot of problems with deprivation and a housing market with low-cost properties that attract people on benefits."

Jobseekers over 25 become eligible for help through the Work Programme after a year, and under-25s after nine months.

Some younger people in certain circumstances, like young offenders, will be eligible after a shorter period of time.

Employment minister Chris Grayling compared the scheme to a "giant employment dating agency" that matches unemployed people to jobs in which they have a good chance of staying.

But Ms Crowley said areas like Thanet, which are recovering more slowly after the recession, may not benefit as much from the scheme – especially once the full impact of public sector job losses is felt.

Thanet is the most deprived district in Kent and one of the top 100 most deprived in the whole of the UK.

Just over 17 per cent of the population is unemployed, with only about 330 jobs currently on offer.

North Thanet Tory MP Roger Gale said: "I'm confident the Work Programme can work in Thanet and I shall do everything I can to support those who will make sure it does work. There's always a risk but it's up to us to overcome that risk."

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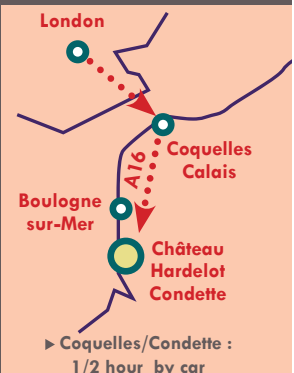
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PHILANTHROPY

Rich need better tax breaks and a feel-good benefit from giving

By Steve Knight

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WEALTHY people need greater political incentives to follow in the footsteps of generous donors like Kent's De Haan brothers, according to a leading academic.

Dr Beth Breeze, from the University of Kent's centre on philanthropy, humanitarianism and social justice, told MPs at the House of Commons last week that they should do more to encourage public giving to ensure charities continue to receive the money they rely on.

Such incentives include creating bigger and better tax breaks for donors, and celebrating those philanthropists who make significant contributions.

Dr Breeze said: "Those in Parliament have a duty to encourage public giving but it's an awfully tricky thing to do when people are sometimes very suspicious about politicians getting involved."

"There's lots they can do as long as they tread carefully, because philanthropy is completely free will and people won't donate if they feel like



REGENERATION: Roger De Haan

they're being pressured into it. It's the complete opposite of paying tax."

Dr Breeze said a tighter regulation of the charity sector and better transparency of how donations are spent would make people more confident about giving away money.

She told members of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Civil Society last week that the Government could also help by reducing inheritance tax, and funding organisations that promote philanthropy.

However, Dr Breeze said one of the best ways to encourage public giving



MAN OF LETTERS: Guy Hands

was to promote the feel-good benefits experienced by philanthropists.

She said: "I've interviewed some of the richest philanthropists and the key thing among them is enjoyment."

"They get a kick out of giving their money away to a good cause."

"They find that once they've bought a house, a plane, and a yacht, they've still got money left they don't know what to do with."

"We all care about something whether it's homelessness, the arts, children and so on, and it's incredibly satisfying to be able to help a

charity that cares about them too."

Folkestone-based businessmen Roger and Peter De Haan were Kent's wealthiest representatives on this year's Sunday Times Rich List, ranked at 87th with a combined wealth of about £800 million.

The year before they also featured at 38th on the 'giving list', having donated £22.1m to various art-based, regeneration, education and community projects.

Dr Breeze said: "Kent has some of the nation's best philanthropists in men like the De Haans and Guy Hands, but there are lots of others who are perhaps not as well known."

"There's clearly an appetite among politicians to motivate more people to donate money, and it's exciting that we have this study centre in the heart of Kent to help."

Mr Hands, who lives outside Sevenoaks, is the founder of private equity firm Terra Firma Capital Partners.

He contributed towards the funding of the Guy Hands Library at Judd School in Tonbridge, and the Hands Building at Mansfield College, Oxford.

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ART

Young artists' work on show at Turner gallery

FIVE young artists will show their work alongside the likes of JMW Turner and Andy Warhol at Kent's newest gallery, thanks to a unique talent contest.

The Page Turner competition, organised by the University for the Creative Arts (UCA), Turner Contemporary, and Aimhigher Kent and Medway, gave young people at schools, colleges and universities across the county the opportunity to display their work at the newly-opened gallery in Margate.

Faye Nicholls and Heidi Kemp of Canterbury College; UCA Rochester's Oleta Williams; plus Erin Williams and Charlie Perkins, who go to Highworth Grammar School, Ashford, will have their work included in the Nothing in the World but Youth exhibition at Turner Contemporary from September 17 to January 8, 2012.

Nearly 450 young people, from 40 institutions, submitted paintings, photographs, sculpture, collages, poems and prose inspired by the theme, Nothing in the World but Youth.

UCA access and outreach co-ordinator Gill Wilson, said: "The theme Nothing in the World but Youth, plus the



opportunity to have work shown at the Turner Contemporary, has captured the imagination of students and staff across Kent."

As well as the five overall winners, the work of 22 other entrants is displayed at the Turner Contemporary's

Learning Studio to complement the main exhibition.

Turner Contemporary head of learning Karen Eslea said: "The fantastic response from young artists and writers from across Kent speaks volumes.

"Art can transform lives, and I am very proud that young people from across the county have taken this opportunity to show their enthusiasm and great creative talent."

All entries can be viewed in the online gallery at www.pageturner.org.uk.

The Nothing in the World but Youth exhibition explores how youth experience has been reflected in art, culture and the media since the late 19th century, when adolescence emerged as a distinct phase of life, to the present day.

Inspired by Margate, a seaside town with a history that includes theme parks, beauty contests and clashes between mods and rockers in the 1960s, the exhibition will reflect on what it means to be a teenager, both now and in the past.

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CREATIVE SUCCESS: Left is the winning work by Oleta Williams of UCA Rochester, and above, the piece by Erin Williams from Highworth Grammar

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SUPPORT: Thousands welcomed the 2nd Battalion The Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment on parade

ARMED FORCES

Crowds flock to support our troops at Freedom Parade

By Jenna Pudelek

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THOUSANDS lined the streets of Tonbridge town centre last weekend to welcome the 2nd Battalion The Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment.

Young and old watched as the soldiers from Kent's infantry regiment took part in the Freedom Parade marching from Tonbridge School down the High Street.

When the battalion, led by the band, reached the Vale Road roundabout they came back up to Big Bridge, where Mayor of Tonbridge and Malling Cllr Brian Luker was invited to inspect the troops.

Speaking after the event last Sunday, Major Ronnie Corbett said: "It went really well. This was the fourth in a series of parades.

"This is the best turnout we've had to date, the weather has been good and the reception has been fantastic."

They are currently based at the Royal Artil-



lery Barracks in Woolwich after returning from Cyprus last year, where they were the reserve battalion supporting operations in Afghanistan.

Major Corbett said parades were good for morale: "The battalion has been serving overseas for about the last five years. It has been great being back in the UK and going round the recruiting areas showing our medals."

The Princess of Wales' are the most decorated of all British Army regiments, with 57 Victoria Crosses including that awarded to Lance Corporal Johnson Beharry in 2004 for his gallantry in Iraq. During numerous deployments to Afghanistan between May 2008 and September 2009, several soldiers from the battalion were awarded for acts of bravery.

During his speech, Tonbridge mayor Cllr Luker said: "Given the current times and recent conflicts across the world, our nation has much to be grateful for to the brave men and women of our Armed Forces.

"I know I speak on behalf of all the residents of Tonbridge and Malling in thanking every soldier for their courage and commitment."

The battalion has been focused on more ceremonial roles recently, including the royal wedding and guarding Buckingham Palace.

Major Corbett said next year the soldiers would be providing support for the London 2012 Olympics.

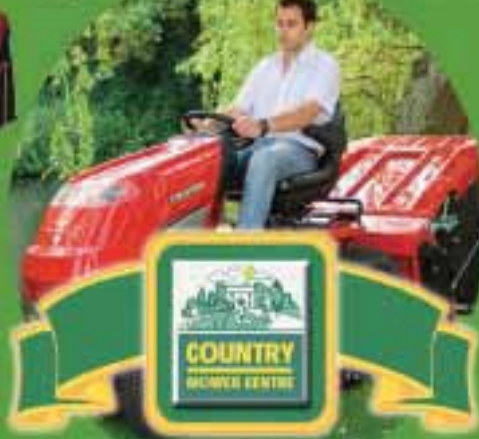
The Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment is the local county infantry regiment for Surrey, Kent, Sussex, Middlesex and Hampshire and can trace its regimental origins back to 1572.

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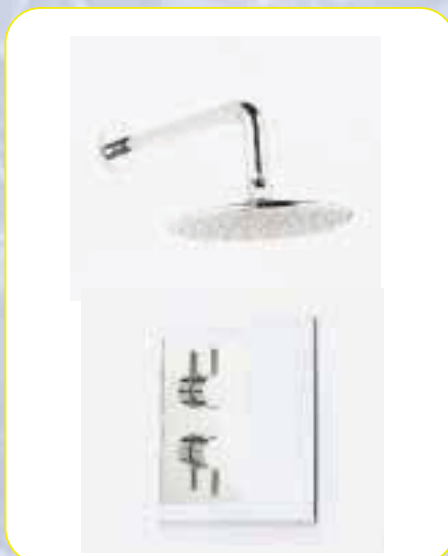
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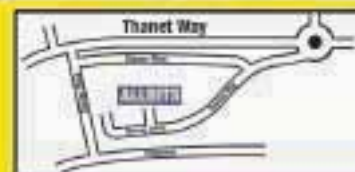
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OPINION

Breaking the cycle of despair

Natalie Ross of the Prince's Trust youth charity says far too many of our young people from poor backgrounds suffer from a poverty of aspiration

It is a sobering thought that in some areas of Kent, more than one in four children are growing up in poverty.

In Thanet, 26 per cent of children are thought to be growing up below the poverty line. Too many are living without the basic essentials – clean clothes, a bed of their own, and books to read at bedtime.

At the Prince's Trust, we meet these young people every day. Many have watched their families struggling to make ends meet. A new report by The Prince's Trust and RBS reveals thousands of young people from Kent's poorest families believe they will achieve "few" or "none" of their goals in life.

The research suggests there is an aspiration chasm between our richest and poorest young people, with those from deprived homes feeling it will be impossible to achieve their goals.

Thousands believe they are resigned to failure, feeling

trapped in a hopeless cycle of disadvantage. To some, it seems inconceivable they could ever build a life that will offer their own children a better start.

Tragically, more than one in 10 young people in Kent (12 per cent) feel "people like them don't succeed in life". Almost one in six (16 per cent) believe they will "end up on benefits for at least part of their lives".

Young people growing up in poverty are significantly more likely to feel this way, with many believing they will never buy their own house or even find a job in the future.

If we fail to support our most disadvantaged young people now, Kent could end up with a youth underclass.

Worse still, we will store up problems for the future. It is not uncommon for feelings of hopelessness to be passed from generation to generation, permeating throughout our towns' most deprived communities. We can-

not afford to waste this potential at a time when Kent needs as much fresh talent as possible to rebuild the economy.

It is possible to help these vulnerable young people to turn their lives around.

One young man grew up in a low-income family. He didn't know anyone who had achieved success so assumed good jobs were only for wealthy people. When he left school, he drifted from dead-end job to dead-end job.

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Natalie Ross is acting Prince's Trust director in London and the South East.

KOS COMMENT

Strikes unlucky for public sector workers

IF THEY didn't already know, government ministers will this week find out just how angry public sector workers are about planned reforms to their pensions.

Teachers, lecturers, prison officers and civil servants will all make their feelings known on Thursday when a series of strikes, protests and marches take place across the county.

But despite overwhelming opposition to the plans, it seems likely the strikes will do little to persuade the Government to pull yet another policy U-turn.

Danny Alexander's premature speech while still in negotiation with the unions seems to confirm it.

Happy days for Fonz visit...but no leather?

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Mark Turner,
Ramsgate

Giving birth to a nightmare

IT IS interesting to note (KoS, June 18) the hospital trust has reassured Tunbridge Wells councillors about journey times to Pembury for women in labour.

They have failed miserably to convince the female population in the Maidstone

area, who face journeys of 20 or more miles across a totally inadequate roads system.

The stories will start unfolding from September, when Maidstone Hospital loses its consultant-led maternity department, its children's ward and special care baby unit. Then the trust's spin will face the glare of public condemnation.

The trust presses ahead with a midwife-led birthing unit for Maidstone at a time when Canterbury's is closed while safety and staffing issues are under investigation.

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Dennis Fowle, chairman,
Maidstone Action for
Services in Hospital

We just want good service

SO MUCH emphasis is given to the need for 'choice' when people need medical help; what people want is a good local service, by the NHS as near to home as possible.

It is only the people who look upon the private sector as something superior (which it isn't), when urging 'choice'.

This is the Government's ideology and motivation in promoting more private providers within the NHS.

The Conservatives opposed the introduction of the NHS, and they are doing their best to destroy it now – despite their weasle words.

Anne Belworthy,
chair Canterbury and
District Pensioners' Forum

Finally, the penny drops

I AM delighted to learn that at long last 'the authorities' have caught up with ordinary folk who were saying, right from the time the Channel Tunnel was first proposed, that it should be used to carry freight not just to Cheriton, but through to its final destination.

This is such an obvious solution not just to Operation Stack, but to the reduction of pollution, noise and the huge inconvenience of all these heavy lorries using our

overcrowded motorways and A roads, not to mention all those that park on lay-bys and side streets.

It is astounding that while ordinary people had the common sense to see this from the beginning, the bureaucrats who rule our lives have only just woken up to it.

I hope the proposal is implemented promptly.

Elizabeth Lonkhurst,
Folkestone

Stick to the pension plan

I'D LIKE to ask your readers to help with our campaign to highlight the unfairness of proposals contained in the UK Government's Pensions Bill.

We support the move to bring women's state pension age in line with men's at 65, but we are objecting to the speed of the increase for women to 66 by 2020, six years earlier than it had originally planned.

As a result, around 330,000 in Britain women will, at short notice, have to wait an extra 18 months or longer before claiming their state pension.

I, and many other women across the UK, feel this is unfair and will hurt hard-working women, many of whom have worked for 40 years or more.

Many of us have worked in relatively low-paid or part-time jobs because of caring responsibilities and these changes will mean real hardship, especially to those with poor health.

We are asking MPs to ensure the Pensions Bill is amended to ensure that any increase to the state pension age beyond 65 does not start until at least 2020.

Readers can take action by sending a state pension age campaign postcard to their MP, asking them to stick to the Coalition government's original timetable.

To request copies of the campaign postcard, or to find out more about the campaign please visit www.ageuk.org.uk/spa.

Francis Flood,
Canterbury

Stop making excuses PM

I WISH David Cameron would stop blaming everyone and the kitchen sink for his inability to run this country in the best way for the people that put him there.

Does he really think the Lib Dems would chance going to the country in their present state of almost non-existence?

At the same time as Ed Miliband is telling us he would not give us a referendum and losing his party tens of thousands of votes, we have Mr Cameron standing watching as the EU is in the process of imploding, and he will still not let the people have a referendum.

No Mr Cameron, all of your broken promises are down to you, and by not hearing the demand from the people for a referendum you are turning out to be the wrong leader of our party.

If you have as much success as you had last time dealing with the EU then it's more and more debt you are dragging us into.

Stop making excuses and do something positive, and please try to stick to it instead of doing the usual U-turn

RE Tucker,
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Would joint account help my executor?

Q I AM a widow in my 60s, still working, and am writing my will. I have almost no family and only one possible younger person to be executor. I have paid for and arranged my funeral. I understand that acting as an executor can involve expense and time off work, which might be a problem if the person concerned has no spare cash, so can you think of a safe way to set aside a pot of money that could be available immediately for the executor? I thought of setting up a joint account, but could it be locked away, only to be accessed by the executor after I die? And what would happen if the executor has debts or goes bankrupt in the meantime?

A LET'S look at the last problem first. Having your name on a joint account need not automatically mean you own a single penny of the cash. Lots of people have a joint account that allows them to look after money matters for an elderly relation, but the cash in the account still belongs to the elderly person. So, if you do open a joint account with someone, and they get into debt or are made bankrupt, your money can be safe – though it might be a good idea to get a signed agreement stating that the cash is all yours. I get the impression that your real worry is if the joint account holder has debt problems, then he or she might dip into the money sooner rather than later. One possible answer might be to put the money into a 28-day notice account, with monthly statements sent to your home. That would minimise the opportunity for early withdrawals. But a better – more expensive – solution would be to appoint a solicitor as executor. You could still appoint your friend to act as joint executor and you could authorise the solicitor to make any payment you like to your friend, as a tax-free bequest. You could even leave some cash in a sealed envelope with the solicitor, with instructions that it be handed unopened to your friend on your death.

Q HOW safe is my money in the Norwich & Peterborough Building Society? I have no money in the collapsed Keydata fund, but I do have £130,000 in savings. The society is facing a compensation claim over its marketing of Keydata, and a substantial fine from the Financial Services Authority. Do you think this will bankrupt it, and should I look for another building society?

A ALTHOUGH Keydata investments were marketed in Britain, the company had close ties to Luxembourg and the USA. There is an international investigation into the company's collapse. N&P sold the Keydata scheme to more than 3,000 customers, including many who should not have been offered anything so risky. The FSA has fined the society £1.4 million, and it faces a compensation bill that is likely to top £50m. Will the society go bust? No –

TONY HETHERINGTON
MONEY CLINIC



members vote soon on a merger with the Yorkshire Building Society. Meanwhile, N&P remains fully licensed and protected by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. However, compensation cover for any bank or building society customer extends only to £85,000, or to £170,000 for joint accounts. If your account is in your sole name, you might think of spreading your savings around. This is just common sense, and not because of the N&P's problems.

Q WE HAVE been told by a financial manager that if we put our bungalow into a family trust, this will no longer be taken into account for care costs if we go into a home. Is this right?

A SOME firms make a living selling advice on schemes to keep the local authority from taking your home into account if you apply to have care-home fees paid by the council. Not all these schemes work. Strictly, authorities can take into account any property that you have deliberately given away before claiming assistance with fees. So, the answer depends partly on whether the trust deed itself is legally effective, and partly on your local council's policies. A council might ignore property that was given away 10 years ago, but clamp down if it was placed in trust just months before you asked the council to pay your care home fees. Before signing anything, ask the council about its attitude in dealing with care home claims.

Q I CANNOT find certificates for my shares in DX Services, and the registrar wants £62 for duplicates. As I do not know how many shares I have, or their value. Is the cost worthwhile?

A WITHOUT knowing how many shares you have, I cannot give you the answer either. Write to the Company Secretary, DX Services, DX House, Ridgeway, Iwer, Bucks SL0 9JQ, and ask for details of your holding from company records.

Q A WEBSITE, Tobacconline, offers cheap cigarettes that appear to be duty free. Is it legal to buy from them?

A THIS company has a Swiss address. It is perfectly legal to place an order, but if your cigarettes are spotted by Customs as they come through the post, you will get a bill for the duty. **■ If you have a personal-finance question, write to Tony Hetherington, MyMoney24, Prospect House, Rouen Road, Norwich NR1 1RE. Neither Tony nor the MyMoney24 team can enter into personal correspondence.**



HIDDEN EXTRAS: People making a living from online marketplaces can expect some attention from HMRC

eBay traders face scrutiny by taxman

By Adam Aiken
MyMoney 24 editor

PEOPLE who run businesses on eBay and other online marketplaces could soon find themselves the focus of attention from the taxman.

HM Revenue & Customs is to target a number of sectors over the next year, with online traders, VAT defaulters, and private tutors, among those who can expect the spotlight to fall on them.

HMRC said it would be using advanced computer software to help pinpoint people who had failed to pay the right tax or who were trading without informing the authorities.

Traders who use websites such as eBay to buy and sell goods could find themselves in the taxman's sights, although HMRC said people who sold only a few items and who were not online businessmen were unlikely to be liable for tax and would not be targeted.

Elsewhere, the focus on private tutors means fitness and dance coaches as well as academic tutors could come under the microscope.

"By being open about our areas of interest for the coming year, we hope to maximise that exchange of information and ensure we reduce the tax gap and help customers pay what they owe," said Mike Wells, director of risk and intelligence at HMRC.

"We will use the information we gather to pursue people who choose not to use the opportunities we provide for them to put their affairs in order on the best possible terms.

"It will be more expensive if we come and find people, so I urge them to come forward and disclose voluntarily."

The taxman has raised more than £500 million from its targeted campaigns, with a further £100m coming from its follow-up activity.

Previous campaigns have targeted offshore investments, medical professionals, and plumbers.

But questions have been raised over the effectiveness of such targeted campaigns.

"The extra £900m allocated to HMRC in last year's spending review has enabled it to expand its investiga-

tion teams across all business sectors," said Anne Richardson, tax partner at accountants Larking Gowen.

"The danger is that by targeting so many areas – add restaurants and the construction industry to the list of current initiatives – it spreads itself too thin and doesn't yield the results it expects, as was borne out by previous initiatives into offshore investments and medical professionals."

Colin Fish, tax partner at Lovewell Blake, said: "HMRC is using increasingly sophisticated methods of identifying people who are avoiding tax. It seems it is particularly targeting people who use the internet to conduct trade.

"It has been extending 'tax safe plans' to provide opportunities for voluntary disclosures – and interestingly, while aimed at people in the plumbing industry, the latest one did invite others to come forward.

"People shouldn't assume that there will be further opportunities to make disclosures in the future – and those who don't take advantage are likely to be subject to high penalties."

Mortgage customers 'set to stay put'

MILLIONS of mortgage customers on variable rates are intending to remain where they are for the time being.

In a study of the market by Lloyds TSB, nearly half of borrowers currently on variable-rate deals said they planned to stick with their current mortgages for at least the next two years.

One in 10 borrowers will look at new products only when rates start to rise, but one in 20 said they would not switch products over the next two

years unless they moved. Only 6pc of borrowers said they were already reviewing their options.

Although inflation remains at more than double the Bank of England's target, an increasing number of analysts believe there will be no rise in the base rate until next year.

However, a borrower with a mortgage of £100,000 on a variable rate is likely to find that a 0.5pc base rate increase will lead to a rise in repayments of about £25 a month,

so it could be worth moving to a fixed-rate deal before the base rate starts to go up.

"It's important to remember that a base rate this low is not the norm," said Stephen Noakes, commercial director of mortgages at Lloyds TSB.

"Switching to a fixed deal now won't be the right thing for everyone, but borrowers should take a good look at their options and think about how much they value the certainty of fixed monthly payments."

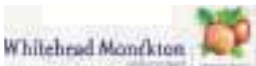


INSIDE THIS WEEK

LIKE it or loathe it, social media sites are on the rise. The sites are predominantly used to post mundane photos of cats (Facebook) or tell the world what you had for lunch (Twitter), but as the craze has caught on so there has been an increase in the number of work-related legal rows and employment tribunals. The sudden surge of such cases has prompted one Kent firm to urge businesses to adopt a formal social-media policy, thereby protecting themselves from any costly civil actions, and, more importantly perhaps, any financial or reputational damage.

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LEP bosses set for crunch Enterprise Zone meeting

By Simon Robinson

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THE executive group of the region's super-sized Local Enterprise Partnership faced its first major test on Thursday.

The Kent, Essex and East Sussex LEP members met to decide which site(s) it wishes to put forward for Enterprise Zone (EZ) consideration.

Two potential locations in the county were put forward for consideration: the Pfizer site at Sandwich and the main commercial quarter at Ebbsfleet.

But Government's indication that it will generally only approve one zone, which would benefit from tax breaks and incentives for businesses, per LEP was set to create problems as Kent's EZ needs were placed head-to-head with those of Essex and East Sussex. At the time of going to press no decision had been made.

Prior to the meeting an LEP spokesman said: "To support the process of deciding upon which Enterprise Zone(s) the LEP wishes to promote to Government, it has been agreed that an independent appraisal will be undertaken for each of the final bids.

"An independent review will test the underlying assumptions of each bid, which will ensure



DECISION:

Kent LEP bosses were pushing for Pfizer's Sandwich site to be put forward as a potential Enterprise Zone location

consistency and enable robust comparisons to be made."

Once LEP bosses have settled on their preferred EZ location, they will then discuss their wider aims and objectives.

A KCC pre-meeting agenda explained: "When it was established, the LEP set out a number of joint priorities for the three counties, focused on coastal and rural regeneration, unlocking the potential of the Thames Gateway and strategic

transport infrastructure.

"However, the role the LEP should play is not defined by Government and it is expected that there will be considerable diversity across the country in the types of activities in which LEPs are engaged.

"In that context, the LEP executive group will be considering the role it could and should play in support of economic development in Kent, Essex and East Sussex."

The closing date for EZ applications is Thursday, June 30.

Pfizer's hi-tech site could be used for housing, leisure and shops, despite hopes of saving thousands of jobs through continued use of the research and development facilities.

The specialist research and development based has been rebranded as 'Discovery Park' to try to attract potential buyers from the sector.

However, a sales brochure from commercial estate agent CB Richard Ellis revealed that potential additional uses for the site could include shops, hotels, leisure facilities and residential development. The agents said there was no price guide for the Sandwich site, which is likely to fetch tens of millions of pounds.

Visit www.businessforkent.co.uk for the LEP's decision in full.

FUNDING

Growth funding deadline looms

THE second round of Regional Growth Fund applications will come to a close next week.

Firms across the UK have been asked to bid for a slice of the Government's £1.4 billion funding pot, set up last year to encourage job creation.

Kent companies will be hoping for more success in this round of applications – worth £900 million – having failed to capture a single penny of RGF funding in the first phase.

KCC bosses said they had been working hard to secure RGF cash. Economic strategy manager Ross Gill wrote in a KCC agenda: "At present, work is under way to develop an RGF-funded programme containing elements of direct financial support for business in east Kent, alongside improvements to the area's transport infrastructure."

Bids will be considered against criteria of private-sector job creation, deliverability and commercial leverage.

The deadline for applications is Thursday, June 30.

FOOD AND DRINK



BERRY NICE: Hugh Lowe-owner Marion Regan with her sumptuous strawberries

Above-par Kentish berries win Open deal

HUGH Lowe farms has won its second sports contract of the summer. The Mereworth company, which provides strawberries for thousands of tennis fans at Wimbledon each year, has now been chosen to supply strawberries and raspberries at the Open golf championship.

Owner Marion Regan said: "Having the Open here in Kent is an honour in

itself, and supplying the event with our strawberries and raspberries means we can ensure all visitors enjoy a genuine taste of Kent."

Hugh Lowe Farms – started by Marion's great-grandfather 118 years ago – employs 41 full-time and some 450 seasonal harvesting staff.

The Open takes place at Royal St George's Golf Club near Sandwich next month.

JOBS

Recruitment rise across the region

THE region's recent recruitment resurgence continues to gather pace – rising to pre-recession levels, according to a new study.

The Tracking UK Recruitment report suggests employment across the South East went up from 8 per cent in Q4 2010 to 21 per cent in Q1 2011.

The number of firms operating under a recruitment freeze also fell from 17 to 13 per cent during the same period.

The study was carried out by staffing agency Barclay Meade, which interviewed business-owners and managers across the UK to gauge their growth plans for the coming year.

Director Anton Roe said: "The report indicates that employers may be moving on to a period of rebalancing and gradual growth. While the region's businesses expect the rising cost of fuel to have a negative impact on recruitment over the next year, the majority of the region's firms remain cautiously optimistic about business in 2011, suggesting an increasing level of confidence among employers."

COMMENT

KENT companies have just a few days left to try to get their hands on some of the second slice of the Government's £1.4 billion growth pot as the deadline for Regional Growth Fund (RGF) applications for a portion of the £900 wedge is Thursday, June 30.

After this date, RGF panel chairman Michael Heseltine will sit down with his team to divide the cash between the most deserving requests from the UK's most economically-deprived areas.

Let's just hope bids from Kent do better out of the second round of funding than those submitted in the first £450 million round, which failed to secure a single penny in Government growth cash.

The whole region was snubbed, with just one out of the 17 applications submitted by firms in the whole of Kent, Essex and East Sussex (lumped together into the region's unnecessarily large Local Enterprise Partnership) successfully obtaining RGF money. The majority of the Government's funding was thrown at the north, and to a degree that is understandable, but to totally reject Kent's bids was difficult to comprehend.

I am all in favour of re-energising stuttering economic areas such as Yorkshire, Humberside and the North East, but it should not be done to the detriment of this county.

Kent needs investment to protect and support the county's businesses, enabling them to remain competitive, not only with counterparts in the UK but with European rivals.

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Kent needs investment in order to protect the county's businesses, enabling them to remain competitive



Be ready to let your staff tune in to the tennis extravaganza

EMPLOYERS are being encouraged to serve up a slice of Wimbledon to their workforce.

Official tournament figures revealed that more than seven million people tuned in to watch Scotland's Andy Murray crash out at the semi-final stage last year – losing in straight sets to Rafael Nadal – despite the match taking place in the middle of the working day.

Furthermore, 6.8 million people watched matches live online, mainly at their desk during office hours, throughout the tournament.

Despite the obvious interest, a poll conducted by the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD) shows that the vast majority of employers across the UK (86 per cent) said that they would not allow employees time off to watch Murray's pursuit of the Wimbledon title.

Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce chief executive Jo James urged bosses to have a re-think.

"Wimbledon is a great British sporting occasion, which captures the nation's attention for two weeks of the year," she said. "Employees following some of the nail-biting action at work, either at their computers or on TV screens



GAME, SET, MATCH: Tune into Wimbledon or your staff might do secretly anyway

around the office, can help build team spirit and morale across the workplace. We know that when employers enable flexibility at work, employees are more likely to go the extra mile.

"Depending on business needs, employers may choose to screen matches, perhaps asking people to make up the time afterwards. However, whether they allow staff to tune in or not, the policy should be clearly communicated."

TV Licensing bosses said businesses should check their licences ahead of the start of the summer of sport.

South East spokesman Rose Beynon said: "It's fascinating to see how many people are now watching live online, on traditional TV sets or even in 3D. We want to make sure anyone watching TV in the workplace is aware they need to be correctly licensed to do so."

"Employers might assume if they don't have a TV, they don't need to worry, but online streaming of live programmes means more businesses need to be covered. Businesses should check if they need a licence or risk a court case and a fine."

Airport joins calls for 'congestion charging'

MANSTON has joined forces with other regional airports in calling for the Government to implement a 'congestion charge' on Gatwick, Heathrow and Stansted.

The proposal would see these busy London airports pay a higher level of Air Passenger Duty (APD) than their smaller counterparts across the country.

Currently, APD is set at a flat fee for all airports.

Manston chief executive Charles Buchanan said: "The Government should provide economic incentives to



PLEA: Charles Buchanan

encourage airlines to move out of the congested London airports, and importantly to make better use of those where capacity is available.

"If passengers and airlines

want to fly out of airports which are congested, then they should pay a premium for doing so, just as motorists pay a premium to drive in central London."

Manston and its partners, including Liverpool, Manchester and Newcastle, argue that they are disproportionately affected by APD, at a time when they are best placed to help the Government fulfil its commitment to constrain the growth of the congested airports by not building additional London runways.

Buchanan said: "With no

new passenger capacity in London for the foreseeable future, we would urge the Government to look at creative solutions to make best use of the infrastructure we have."

"The development and increased utilisation of airports such as Manston would truly deliver its aspirations for 'Better, not Bigger' airports."

The top rate of APD is eight times the average of other countries in Europe. APD has been scrapped in countries such as Belgium, Denmark and Malta.

Wristbands enable contactless technology

SECURITY specialists ID&C provided state-of-the-art wristbands for VIP guests at the Isle of Wight festival.

The Tunbridge Wells firm provided celebs with the UK's first pre-paid contactless payment wristband.

The PayPass gadgets, pre-loaded with £30, allowed the wearer to buy food and drink with a simple tap of the wrist.

ID&C operations director Steve Daly said: "It's the simplicity which make contactless wristbands so attractive to festival



NO CONTACT: The wristbands were loaded with £30

organisers and punters alike.

"The opportunity to work on this groundbreaking project at one of the UK's most established festivals has been fantastic and the

results have revealed how contactless wristbands can enhance user experience."

Isle of Wight festival director John Giddings said: "Festivals are all about a

shared experience – the music, bands, food and drink all add to the atmosphere."

"New innovations such as this do, too. I'm proud to have pioneered the wristbands at this festival."

ID&C has supplied security wristbands for UK festivals including Glastonbury and Kent's own Hop Farm event.

In April the company also provided radio frequency identification (RFID) wristbands, which work in the same way as London's Oyster cards, at California's Coachella Festival.

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Developing opportunities for themselves

THE MJ Allen Group of Companies has found a way of making the most of its position as a small fish in a big pond.

The Ashford firm, which designs, casts and machines a wide range of large high-spec metallic items, has struck a deal with Ford to produce a line-fit all-wheel-drive transmission system.

The deal sees MJ Allen receive a double dose of income from the automotive giant; firstly by producing specialist parts and secondly by way of a licence fee per unit.

Managing director Tim Allen, son of founder Mike, said he was keen to establish similar deals with other multi-national conglomerates.

He will give an insight at Archant KOS Media's Business Week Live event at Dover Cruise Exhibition Centre in October into how the firm won the lucrative Ford contract.

Allen's lecture, entitled 'punch above your weight and win international business', chronicles the company's seven-year struggle to bring its off-road transmission idea into fruition.

When asked about the message of the speech, Allen said: "It's about getting into bed with large companies but not losing your identity or your IPR. It's about using a big brother to push your business along."

"Businesses should realise that the big companies will work with them. All they need to do is look for the niche in the market and be very patient and very persistent."

"If you can see a gap in the market that the large companies have not yet addressed, why not take it to them and say this is something you can add to your range and I can design it, make it and give it to you to sell?"

MJ Allen spent seven years developing the part, at a cost of some £1 million.

Despite the large initial outlay – and the potential risk of being unable to recoup this cash – Allen said he was confident product design, rather than the firm's traditional subcontract route of income, was the way forward.

"We had wanted to go down this road for some time as it's something we felt would help us reach a wider audience," he said.

"For a relatively small company like us to go to Ford and have them accept our design and add it to their range is pretty good going, in our view."

"As the units are too small in volume for Ford to bother with in-house, they have agreed to let us design, prototype and

The BIG Interview

Managing director Tim Allen is ready to share his experience of punching above his weight when he visits Business Week Live, but first he tells us about how this 'little fish' made it big



MJ ALLEN
Group of Companies

manufacture components for the transmissions for them.

"We took the decision to have a licence fee, rather than a one-off development fee, and that has proved a wise choice as we're currently doing 70-80 units per week."

"We're now looking to do more of the same and continue to develop our own products."

"We like being a subcontractor, but it's a far more precarious position to be in as there's always competition and you're only as good as your last order."

"So I'm very interested in putting through the business products that will use our skill set. I'm looking at developing products that have casting applications and other machining applications, to keep us busy on site, and then also maintain the IPR."

Allen's focus on innovation helps protect income against competition from rival firms in the north as well as Europe.

The managing director said: "There are companies like us that carry out the bigger, more added-value work as opposed to the mass volume work seen in India and China."

"There are firms in Poland, for example, that are very good at the same work we do and we're finding that where we're selling to a place like Germany, it can be just as easy for them to go east into Poland as it is to go west to us."

"The thing that makes us different from other companies is that we're a one-stop shop – we can take a product from the design stage through to the finished article and we can do it all on one site. That saves money and it saves time."

"A lot of people can only do the foundry work or the ma-

chining. And those that can do both don't tend to go as large as we do."

"It's quite unusual for anyone else to go as large as we do, particularly with aluminium and bronze."

"We're positioned at the high end of the market because we've found the harder the job is to do, the fewer there are battling for the contract."

"It's all about finding that niche."

This niche has helped maintain Allen's huge interest in the company.

"The variety is the best part of the job," he said.

"We don't know what you're going to be making next. It could be a part on an engine for a huge ship or something extremely decorative."

"We've recently won a contract in Morocco to make some decorative panels for a palace."

"Because we're not restricted by what we can cast – we can work with bronze, aluminium and bronze on site and pour up to two tonnes – we can work pretty much across all industries."

The company, established by his father Mike in 1958, now employs 240 people across five sites and boasts an annual turnover of £26 million.

Despite its financial successes, Allen said he was keen to maintain the family ethos his father had created.

"It's very informal here with a relaxed, open-door policy," he said. "We have a very flat structure – it's me, a manager and then the shop floor."

"We're also deliberately nepotistic – I'm an example of that – and have lots of fathers and sons here and even a couple of married couples."

"That's very much the way

we operate, in an informal family atmosphere."

"We're a cluster of small companies, so there's nothing so big you get lost in it, everyone's on first-name terms."

"I'm sure this wasn't planned, it was more of an evolutionary thing and just how it came about."

"Having said that, it's what we're used to. I'm sure we've developed some bad habits, but we'll jealously guard the good ones."



BIG DEAL: MJ Allen Group of Companies is enjoying success producing parts for Ford and charging a licence fee per unit, too

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The dealership was set up in 1911 and notched £10,000 of sales in its first year.

The company, now in the management of the sixth generation of the Haynes family, registered sales of £73 million in 2010.

Managing director Andrew Haynes said: "It has been a remarkable journey since my great-grandfather took a Model T up a Maidstone hill and was so impressed with its performance that he decided to buy one for £180 and to then take on the Ford franchise."

Ford of Britain managing director Nigel Sharp presented the dealership with a plaque and said: "Haynes are now one of our oldest dealerships in the UK."

"It was a pleasure to present them with their 100-year plaque to mark this important milestone and we look forward to continuing to work with them as they start their journey into the next 100 years."

START-UP

Brothers launch trader website

BUDDING business-minded brothers Jack and Ben Lidsey have launched an online enterprise.

The Strood siblings had the idea to set up their e-trade directory – www. look4itlocal.com – after their parents had trouble finding a heating engineer.

Jack, 24, who graduated in 2008 with a degree in business studies with law, said: "I developed the website so that residents in Medway can find out about the range of services and shops right on their doorstep, quickly and easily, without having to trawl through endless web pages or phone directories."

The site has already attracted more than 2,000 traders from across the Medway towns and looks set to gather further pace thanks to a £1,000 Medway Council Start-Up grant.

The grants are offered to small to medium-sized local businesses.

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APPRENTICES

FSB submits £5m RGF bid

BUSINESS bosses have submitted a £5 million apprenticeship funding application to Government.

The Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) hopes to secure the Regional Growth Fund cash to cut unemployment and boost skills across the region.

FSB Kent and Medway chairman Roger House said: "If the application is successful we could see £5 million being available to help small businesses to create around 2,000 new apprenticeship positions in their businesses."

"The aim is to provide a £2,500 subsidy for each new apprenticeship position within eligible businesses, which is equivalent to six months' basic salary for an apprentice."

"This application is unique in bringing together business and five local authority partners, but that makes the application even more powerful due to the economies of scale possible. It can deliver real success, especially for our young people, businesses and economy."

Be prepared when it comes to social media

BUSINESSES are being urged to adopt a formal social-media policy to avoid falling foul of Facebook and Twitter-related legal disputes.

The advice was offered by Bluefin Insurance Services following a rise in the number of social-media-related employment tribunals.

The firm's Peter Castle said: "As social media has become increasingly popular, there has also been a sharp rise in cases of employee misuse of this technology. In particular, many businesses and employees are not clear about the rules governing when and where employees can use social media, which can lead to problems."

"There have been several recent cases where employees have successfully argued that any attempt to restrict their activities outside of the workplace breaches their right to a private life as conferred by European human rights legislation. Many businesses without a social-media policy could fall foul of this, leading to financial and reputational damage."

The risks of social media are highlighted by a number of recent tribunal cases.



IMPROPER USE: Clear policies should be in place to explain your company's stance on use of sites such as Twitter

In one example, an employee was dismissed for filming a fight in a company warehouse and posting the incident on YouTube. However, because the video was only viewed eight times and there was no loss to the company as a result of the incident, the dismissal was found to be unfair.

In a second case, an employee was sacked for breaching company policy after posting comments about customers on Facebook. Although the employee's actions took place away from work, the tribunal found that the employee's actions were likely to bring about

TOP TIPS

- Make sure you have a formal written social-media policy in place.
- Stipulate clearly the sanctions for a breach of the policy.
- Companies should define clearly what actions would constitute misconduct.
- Do not rely on computer use/misuse policies as these are usually only concerned with misuse of company equipment.
- Ensure your policies are clear and consistent and do not contradict one another.
- Ensure employees are aware of all policies and are regularly reminded of them.
- Review your policies regularly to ensure they remain up to date as technology develops.
- Be clear that your policies apply to all employees and cover their behaviour in the office and at home insofar as social networking is used in relation to the business.
- To understand more about this risk exposure and learn what insurance solutions are available, contact your insurance adviser.

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STILL WINNING: Shepherd Neame's visitor centre manager Graham Hukins, host Simon Calder and visitor centre assistant manager Laura Salway



Sheps raise a glass to success

SHEPHERD Neame's visitor centre has been named Best Little Treasure of Britain – the brewery's third tourism award this year.

The Faversham firm's triumph at the Group Travel Awards comes hot on the heels of its successes at the Enjoy England Awards For

Excellence, at which it was named Small Visitor Attraction Of The Year.

They also picked up a silver award in the Green Tourism Business Scheme.

Visitor centre manager Graham Hukins said: "We cater for many different groups and people at the brewery,

and it's fantastic to have been recognised for our contribution to the group travel industry. The visitor centre team makes sure everyone who visits enjoys a great day out, and this award is testament to their hard work and dedication."

The award was presented by TV travel expert Simon Calder.

Test-drive your expansion plans

BUSINESS centre specialists Basepoint have launched a virtual office space deal in a bid to encourage growth across the region.

The innovation and enterprise centre experts are offering three months' free virtual space to firms that take up workspace or are currently based at one of its 28 centres.

Basepoint executive director Brian Andrews said the deal provides companies with the opportunity to branch out without the heavy burden of the financial risks associated with expansion.

"Encouraging entrepreneurs and supporting business is central to our ethos, so we are keen to become the driving force behind successful companies," he said. "This offer gives businesses the chance to 'test drive' additional workspace in new locations, without the associated risks."

"A number of key initiatives for businesses were announced in the recent Budget and the Government is focused on supporting enterprise, so now is a good time for businesses to grow."

"We are hopeful that our offer will complement such initiatives and make it easier for SMEs to thrive; whether that's small companies looking to expand, or larger companies that would benefit from adding further satellite offices to their portfolio."

The free virtual office space deal is on offer until the end of the month. Firms wishing to trial a new office on a short-term contract can do so from July at a small cost.

Basepoint's Folkestone centre manager Lorraine May said: "The virtual facility is on the same terms as our office/workshop rental, of just two weeks' notice to vacate or curtail the contract. This allows businesses to test their business without the big commitment of a conventional lease."

Basepoint provides comprehensive accom-



modation and support infrastructure packages to new and early-stage companies within a supportive and secure environment.

The company has centres in Folkestone, Chatham, Canterbury and Northfleet and is due to open a new centre in Dartford soon.

Basepoint is the main trading arm of leading UK grant making charity, The ACT Foundation.

All of the profits generated by Basepoint Centres are ploughed back into charitable causes which assist society's most vulnerable.

For more details, see www.basepoint.co.uk or phone 01753 853515.

■ **Basepoint is attending Business Week Live at Dover Cruise Exhibition Centre on Wednesday, October 26.**

TRY IT: Firms that take up workspace in a Basepoint centre will be entitled to a free virtual space trial

Waitrose in St George's Place lease

PRIVATE property investment firm Boulton and Aum Real Estate have purchased St George's Place in Canterbury.

The companies will restore the premises, most recently part-occupied by Aldi, to a single unit, which they have agreed to let to Waitrose.

The supermarket will take a 20-year lease on the property.

An adjoining retail parade will remain unchanged.

Boulton managing director Clive Boulton Brooks said: "This project reflects our desire to build a £250m portfolio of quality retail and industrial assets in the UK and to create value with partners who can deliver a business plan."

Aum Real Estate's Peter Goldstein added: "This is our second joint venture with Boulton and will hopefully prove a template for the future."

Waitrose director of development Nigel Keen said: "We have wanted to come to Canterbury for a very long time and over the past few years we have received many requests to open a shop in the city."

"This is a really exciting opportunity for our business as the St George's Place site provides the perfect platform."



Department store prepares to be at Home on retail park

A JOHN Lewis at Home superstore will open in Ashford next year, creating 160 jobs.

The retail giant is investing £7 million in the construction of a new two-floor outlet, set to be built just off junction 9 of the M20.

The plans include a customer café and some 200 car-parking spaces.

Managing director Andy Street said: "We believe the opening of a John Lewis at Home in Ashford will give customers in the town and the surrounding areas a broader, more convenient shopping offer."

"This is an ambitious town

with a positive attitude to high-quality development and we look forward to becoming part of the Ashford story."

"Our plans to open in Ashford will also help realise our ambition to have more than 10 'at Home' shops by the end of 2012 and we look forward to providing shoppers with greater convenience and ease of access to our inspiring products, great value and exceptional service."

Ashford Borough Council leader Peter Wood said: "The plans are at an early stage, but this is potentially exciting news for the people of Ashford and the whole of east Kent."

"John Lewis is a household name with a strong reputation for high-quality products and services, exactly the type of company we wish to attract."

"The arrival of a John Lewis at Home would complement the town's existing retail offer while significantly enhancing the choices for shoppers and, should the plans be approved, provides further evidence of Ashford's growing reputation as the place to invest."

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Success for social care apprentices

A GROUP of eight young apprentices employed through a pilot social care scheme have been congratulated for completing their first nine months.

The Kent County Council-run programme was designed to provide an introduction to the social care sector, with each of those signed up gaining a qualification from K College.

A presentation of certificates took place during the Kent Community Care Association conference at the Hilton hotel, Maidstone, earlier this month.

The successful apprentices were Pearl Ianson from Maidstone, Scott Matthews from Dartford, Matthew Mills from Sittingbourne, Rachael Black from Medway, Amie Stillwell from Ramsgate, Lania Benson from Margate, Kerry Williams from Herne Bay, and Chloe Curd from Maidstone.

Cllr Graham Gibbens, KCC cabinet member for adult social care, said: "It is easy to underestimate the vital contribution all those working in social care make to their community."

"Our ageing population means there is a growing need for people working in social care – from nursing care to people's own homes, and from older people to those with learning disabilities."

"Through an apprenticeship scheme such as this one, young people can get an idea of what social care is about and make decisions about whether it is a career they want to pursue."

"These young people are taking up jobs in social care and pursuing further studies in the sector, which is good news. I encourage more young people to look at careers in this area."

The apprentices started work in early October last year and had a two-week induction before joining their host companies in the middle of the month.

Cllr Gibbens said the young people worked in a wide variety of job roles over the last eight months, with some changing placements once or twice to allow them different learning experiences.

The work ranged from domiciliary care to residential care and work in nursing homes and community care, with host companies including Royal British Legion Industries near Maidstone and the Guru Nanak Day Centre in Gravesend.

Federation leads bid for growth fund cash

By Steve Knight

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SMALL businesses across Kent and Medway are being asked to support a £5 million Government funding bid by showing their support for apprenticeships.

The Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) has teamed up with councils in Kent, East Sussex, Essex, Norfolk and Suffolk to put together a bid for the second phase of the Regional Growth Fund.

If successful, businesses across the five counties could benefit from about 2,000 new apprenticeships as part of a drive to cut unemployment and boost skills.

But Kent and Medway FSB chairman Roger House said the scheme was reliant on support from SMEs.

He said: "The aim is to provide a £2,500 subsidy for each new apprenticeship position within eligible businesses, which is roughly equivalent to six months' basic salary for an apprentice."

"If this application is to be successful then we need data from local firms for inclusion in the submission – which has to reach the Secretary of State by Friday, July 1 – which is why we are asking them to complete a short 10-question survey."

"We need as many businesses as possible to complete this short survey so we can make sure we are aiming to create the right numbers of apprenticeships in the right sectors and in the right geographical areas."

The Regional Growth Fund is a £1.4bn pot which aims to support programmes that lever private sector investment, creating economic growth and sustainable employment.

It aims particularly to help

those areas and communities currently dependent on the public sector to make the transition to sustainable growth led by the private sector.

Mr House said the FSB would be working with two Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) in submitting the application – the Kent, Essex and East Sussex LEP, and the New Anglia LEP.

He added: "Our application is unique in bringing together business and five local authority partners, but that makes the application even more powerful due to the economies of scale that are possible."

"We believe it can deliver real success, especially for our young people, our businesses and our economy, by creating skilled staff in key industries, which is exactly why the LEPs were formed."

Fill in the survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/SubsidisedApprenticeshipSurvey.

Not a single Kent application was approved following the first round of RGF bids – worth a total of £450m – with only one in the whole of the Kent, Essex and East Sussex LEP area being successful.

The second round, which aims to allocate the remaining £950m of the fund, opened to bids on April 12 and will close at noon on Friday.

Conservative grandee Lord Michael Heseltine is chairman of the RGF independent advisory panel, which will consider all bids and report to Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg.



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Christ Church is the latest institution to have signed up to the University Partnerships Scheme run by video recruitment specialist Meet the Real Me.

The service, which is specifically designed for students seeking to enter the graduate jobs market, allows them to

manage their own job campaigns online and create a video interview profile (VIP) to highlight their personality and character.

James Corbin, deputy manager of employability and careers services at the university, said: "We are very pleased to be working with Meet the Real Me on this exciting alternative to the usual paper CV and application form process.

"It's a great opportunity for our students to stand out from

the crowd in this difficult employment climate."

Dr Martin Patrick from Meet the Real Me added: "Our careers team has more than 10 years' experience working with students on employability issues, and we are delighted to welcome Canterbury Christ Church University to the scheme.

"Education establishments are embracing new initiatives to help give their students the best possible start in work."

UCA heads to Glasto in hunt for students

GLASTONBURY festival-goers have been learning how to become television presenters, models and more thanks to the University for the Creative Arts.

The university, which has campuses in Rochester, Maidstone and Canterbury, has been offering lessons in a wide range of subjects at this week's Festival for Contemporary Performing Arts.

Other highlights in the UCA tent included life/figure drawing, a fashion photography studio, recycled jewellery workshops and interactive canvases where guests could show off their artistic skills with paint.

Organiser Tim Savage said: "We try to bring something new to Glastonbury every year to enhance the public's experience at the festival and also give them an idea of what UCA is all about.

"The festival-goers loved having a go at TV presenting and seeing if they could be the next Zane Lowe or Fearnie Cotton.

"We had an ex-ITV presenter passing on tips and encouraging people to go out and get interviews with festival-goers and performers alike.

"We hope to create a series of films that will give people at home a taste of the festival, and at the same time provide participants with footage that could kick-start a career in TV."

The UCA tent also provided free internet access, a chill-out area, and nightly screenings of animation, experimental films and computer games made by current students.

Dean of creativity and culture Bill Foulk said:



FASHION: A festival-goer enjoys the photo shoot

"We were delighted to continue our relationship with the festival into a third year. Last year about 9,000 people visited our stand, and the feedback we received from people was fabulous. Those who took part in our competitions produced some terrific work.

"We hope our hands-on, artistic activities showcased the work we do at UCA and inspired our visitors with a taste of the creative arts."

In 2009, UCA became the first academic institution to have a presence at Glastonbury.

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Composting idea lays waste to the rest in sustainability competition

A MATURE student at Hadlow College has won a sustainability competition to help it increase its green credentials.

Andrew Bardon's idea was to extend Hadlow's existing composting arrangements, which could generate additional income if sold in the college's Broadview Garden Centre.

It could also be demonstrated to students and visitors as a learning tool.

Andrew, who is studying for a National Diploma in Forestry

and Arboriculture, won a Nintendo Wii video game console donated by Allwag Promotions Ltd for his efforts.

He said: "I have had a passion for sustainability and the environment since childhood.

"My idea shows a commitment to improving our environment, which I hope will incite interest among others once it is put into practice."

The competition, which invited innovative and imaginat-

ive ideas, drew 40 entries from students and staff and was judged by the college's sustainability team.

Finance and resources director Mark Lumsdon-Taylor said: "Andrew's idea on composting underlines the college's passion for sustainability.

"We hope to implement his winning plan in line with the rest of Hadlow's priorities to develop a sustainable future for the organisation and its students."

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CLOSING DATE: 30.6.11

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Closing Date: Thursday 30th June 2011

Interviews: to be confirmed

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Hours: 17.5 hours a week, term-time only

Contract: Maternity Cover (01.09.11 - 31.05.12)

Salary: Kent Range 2 (£12,903 - £14,099 pro rata)

Closing Date: Thursday 30th June 2011

Interviews: Tuesday 5th July 2011

Your main responsibilities will be placing and monitoring of students who attend work placements. You will be required to work with existing employers as well as marketing for new work placements via telephone, letter and face to face contact. A good knowledge of Microsoft Office programmes is essential as you will maintain databases and correspond with work placements, parents, students and external agencies. You will also carry out any other administrative tasks to support the Work Related Learning department.

Offer of appointment is subject to a satisfactory Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure. This school is committed to recruiting with care and safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Contact: Miss S Spratley, Pent Valley Technology College, Surrinden Road, Folkestone, Kent. CT19 4ED.
Email: samantha.spratley@pent-valley.kent.sch.uk
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Recruitment packs are available from the school or online. Please note, we cannot accept CVs without an application form.
Closing date: Wednesday 29 June 2011

Westlands Academies Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

This post is subject to an enhanced CRB check.

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CLOSING DATE: 30.6.11

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You should be of smart appearance, have an excellent telephone manner and good computer skills (we currently use MS Word 2010).

Stone Bay School is committed to the safeguarding and promotion of the welfare of children and employees are required to have an enhanced CRB disclosure.

Please telephone 01843 863421, write or e-mail for an application form and job description from the main school office. Applications to be received by Wednesday 6th July 2011.

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PLANNING

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

KCC/SW/0209/2011 - UNIT 15B, RIDHAM DOCK INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, RIDHAM DOCK ROAD, RIDHAM, SITTINGBOURNE, KENT, ME9 8SR.

SITA UK is applying to Kent County Council (as Waste Planning Authority) for planning permission for the use of building 15B to install and operate a Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) and a Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF) facility and to use the existing weighbridge, weighbridge office, site office and washroom/toilets to the south of building 15B.

You may view this application at Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

KCC/SE/0200/2011 - St Katharine's Knockholt Church of England Primary School, Main Road, Knockholt, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN14 7LS.

St Katharine's Knockholt Church of England Primary School is applying to the Kent County Council (as the County Planning Authority) for planning permission for the construction of a new teaching block comprising two classrooms, cloak area and toilets. Removal of existing mobile classroom upon completion of development.

The proposed development may affect the setting of a nearby Grade II* Listed Building (Church of St Katharine) and a Grade II Listed War Memorial.

You may view this application at Sevenoaks District Council, Council Offices, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1HG or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

Alternatively, details of all applications can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/planning.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to planning.applications@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and the interested persons.

Sharon Thompson
Head of Planning Applications Group
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HIGHWAYS

OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP 2011



The Open Golf Championship will take place this year in Sandwich between 10th and 17th July 2011.

Thousands of spectators are expected to attend the championship throughout the week, increasing to some 50,000 per day as the final match play approaches.

A multi-agency traffic plan will be in place during the event to enable the large volumes of visitors to get to and from the Golf course, whilst accommodating the needs of residents and businesses.

Please remember to plan additional time for any journeys, particularly during the peak hours of 7.00 - 11.00 am and 4.00 - 8.00 pm

For further information, please see www.opengolfsandwich.co.uk

OPEN GOLF TEMPORARY TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS

Kent County Council intends to introduce the following temporary restrictions for the safety of the public and to maintain a free flow of traffic during the Open Golf Championship.

These restrictions are made under The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended by The Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991.

The Orders take effect on or after 12 July 2011, remain in force until 18 July 2011 and will cease to have effect on completion of the Open Golf Championship.

The roads affected and nature of the restrictions are as described below.

VARIOUS ROADS, SANDWICH (TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

DEAL ROAD, SANDWICH (shown on some maps as Dover Road)

All northbound traffic except permit holders will be prohibited, from the junction with Dover Road.

NEW STREET, SANDWICH

No Right Turn southbound from New Street into St Bart's Road, except buses & HGVs.

DELFSIDE, SANDWICH

Road closed to traffic at the junction with St Georges Road. (Access for residents only)

DOVER ROAD, SANDWICH

All traffic prohibited, except emergency vehicles, at the roundabout junction with the A256 and A258 - 'Water Gardens' Roundabout.

GALLIARD STREET, SANDWICH

No Entry southbound from Galliard Street into New Street, except buses, from 6.00 am until 10.00 pm

HIGH STREET, SANDWICH

Road closed between Strand Street and the Toll Bridge.

No Left Turn from High Street towards Ramsgate Road at the junction with The Quay from 6.00 am until 2.00 pm. Access to The Quay will be maintained.

MONKS WAY, SANDWICH

No Entry Sandwich-bound except buses and HGVs from the exit of the second roundabout (by Pfizer's car park).

ST BART'S ROAD, SANDWICH

No Right Turn from St Bart's Road into Deal Road, except buses & HGVs, from 6.00 am until 10.00 pm

ST GEORGE'S ROAD, SANDWICH

No Right Turn from St George's Road into New Street, except buses & HGVs, between 6.00 am and 2.00 pm.

The following roads will become One Way only with the direction of traffic flowing towards the event in the morning and away from the event in the afternoons, known as 'Tidal Flow'

RAMSGATE ROAD, SANDWICH

All southbound traffic prohibited except permit holders, from the junction with Willowbank.

Will become one way only between the junctions with Willowbank and The High Street
6.00 am to 2.00 pm - southbound only
2.00 pm to 10.00 pm - northbound only

KNIGHTRIDER STREET, SANDWICH

Will become One Way only between the junctions with The Quay and Sandown Road
6.00 am to 2.00 pm - southbound only
2.00 pm to 10.00 pm - northbound only

SANDOWN ROAD, SANDWICH

Will become One Way only between the junctions with Knightrider Street and St George's Road
6.00 am to 2.00 pm - eastbound only
2.00 pm to 10.00 pm - westbound only

No Entry westbound on Sandown Road from a point immediately west of the junction with St George's Road from 6.00 am until 2.00 pm.

Afternoon only - No Entry from the junction with the western exit of the Green Car Park eastbound from 2.00 pm until 10.00 pm

The junction with Manwood Road will be closed, with access to Manwood Road maintained from St George's Road.

UPPER STRAND STREET, SANDWICH

Will become One Way only between the junctions with High Street and Knightrider Street
6.00 am to 2.00 pm - eastbound only
2.00 pm to 10.00 pm - westbound

VARIOUS ROADS, DEAL (TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

ETHELBERT ROAD, DEAL

Will be closed at junction with Golf Road. Residents advised to use Sandown Road for access.

GOLF ROAD, DEAL

All northbound traffic prohibited except permit holders, from the junction with Ethelbert Road.

Road closed immediately to the South of the junction with Godwyn Road.

The junction with Redhouse Wall will be closed. Residents of Redhouse Wall can access their properties via Royal Cinque Ports Visitor Car Park

GOLF ROAD, DEAL / GUILFORD ROAD, SHOLDEN / ANCIENT HIGHWAY, WORTH

These roads will become One Way only, from a point immediately north of 138 Golf Road, including the entire length of Guilford Road and Ancient Highway to the junction with Waldershare Avenue
6.00 am to 2.00 pm - northbound only
2.00 pm to 10.00 pm - southbound only

Cyclists and horse riders will be prohibited between 6.00 am and 10.00 pm on the sections of these roads described in the preceding paragraph

VARIOUS ROADS, DOVER (TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

VENSON ROAD, EASTRY - will be closed at the junction with the northbound carriageway of the A256 Dover Road. The alternative routes are

Westbound via A256, Dover Road, Eastry and Pike Road. Eastbound via Pike Road and Dover Road, Eastry

DOVER ROAD, TILMANSTONE - will be closed at the exit from the northbound carriageway of the A256 into Dover Road.

Residents advised to access Dover Road at its junction with Barville Road.

KENNEL HILL, TILMANSTONE - the exit from Kennel Hill onto the northbound carriageway of the A256 closed between 6.00 am and 11.00 am. Residents advised to use Sandwich Road as diversion.

BARVILLE ROAD - No Right Turn from Barville Road eastbound into the temporary Park and Ride site

A256 DOVER ROAD & WHITFIELD BY-PASS, DOVER AREA (50 MPH SPEED LIMIT) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

A temporary mandatory speed limit of 50 mph will be imposed on the A256 Dover Road and Whitfield By-pass, Sutton, Tilmanstone and Eastry, as described below.

On the northbound carriageway, from the junction with Sandwich Road, Whitfield to Eastry Roundabout.

On the southbound carriageway, from the junction with Eastry Roundabout to the roundabout junction with Boys Hill / Barville Road.

VARIOUS ROADS, DEAL AND SANDWICH (PARKING & WAITING RESTRICTIONS) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

The existing waiting restrictions, loading restrictions and on-street parking in certain streets in Deal and Sandwich will be suspended or amended as follows.

There will be no waiting at any time and no loading or unloading between 7.00 am and 11.00 am and between 4.00 pm and 8.00 pm (except where otherwise stated) on the sections of roads shown below.

SANDWICH

DEAL ROAD - for its entire length - except Taxis when signs are on site identifying the exclusion zone.

ST GEORGE'S ROAD - for its entire length

ST GEORGE'S LEES - for its entire length

DELFSIDE - for its entire length

SANDOWN ROAD - for its entire length

GUILFORD ROAD - for its entire length

KNIGHTRIDER STREET - from the junction with The Quay to the junction with Sandown Road

THE QUAY - for its entire length

UPPER STRAND STREET - for its entire length

RAMSGATE ROAD - from its junction with the A256 to its junction with The Quay

MONKS WAY - for its entire length

STRAND STREET - for its entire length

ASH ROAD - for its entire length

ST BART'S ROAD - from the junction with New Street to the eastern-most boundary of property no. 127

NEW STREET - from the junction with Deal Road to the junction with Galliard Street

No Waiting at any time and No Loading/Unloading (except buses) - between 6.00 am and 10.00 pm

DEAL

THE MARINA

East Side - from the junction with Godwyn Road to the junction with Albion Road

West Side - from the junction with Godwyn Road to the junction with Harold Road

GODWYN ROAD

South Side - for its entire length

North Side - from the junction with Golf Road for a distance of 20 metres eastbound

North Side - from the junction with The Marina for a distance of 20 metres westbound

GOLF ROAD, DEAL - from the junction with Godwyn Road to its northernmost point

GUILFORD ROAD, SHOLDEN - for its entire length

ANCIENT HIGHWAY, WORTH - for its entire length

GUILFORD ROAD, WORTH - for its entire length

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PROW - District of Dover**NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE BYWAYS OPEN TO ALL TRAFFIC, ER60, ER60A, ER55A & EB13****IN THE PARISHES OF GUSTON, WHITFIELD & DOVER**

(Byways Open to All Traffic (BOAT's) ER60, ER60A ER55A & EB13)

(Prohibition Of Traffic) Temporary Order 2011

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Section 14(1), As Amended By The Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991

Kent County Council has temporarily closed the following Byways Open to All Traffic:

- **ER60 (Roman Road) between Pineham Road and the Whitfield Bypass**
- **ER60/EB13 (Roman Road) between the junction with ER55A (NGR TR 317 442) and Whiting Farm**
- **ER60A between the junction with ER60 (NGR TR 316 445) and Dover Road (northern side of the Whitfield Bypass)**
- **ER55A between the junction with ER60 (NGR TR 317 443) and Dover Road (on the southern side of the Whitfield Bypass) from the 10th June 2011.**

The routes will be closed for a maximum of six months.

The routes will be closed to enable surface repairs to be carried out and to prevent damage to the surface, following repair.

There are no alternative routes.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Denise Roffey Tel 01303 814534 (ext 204)

PROW - Borough of Maidstone**NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATHS KH236A AND KH308****IN THE PARISHES OF LEEDS, BROOMFIELD AND KINGSWOOD**

(Public Footpaths KH236A & KH308)

(Prohibition Of Pedestrians) Temporary Order 2011
Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, sections 16A – C as inserted by the Road Traffic Regulation (Special Events) Act 1994, section 1.

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close Public Footpaths KH236A and KH308 between Leeds and Broomfield Cricket Ground NGR TQ 830 532 and Broomfield Road from 10:00am on Saturday the 16 July to 10:00pm on the 17 July 2011.

The paths will be closed to facilitate the holding of the Leeds Castle Open Air Concerts.

Safe and convenient alternative routes are available. The alternative routes that can be used by pedestrians are from the cricket pitch to Ashford Road via public footpath KH239; and from Burberry Lane to Broomfield Road via public footpaths KH238 and KH237.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Graham Rusling Tel: 01622 696995

PROW - Borough of Swale**NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER****HIGHWAYS ACT 1980****THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL****(PUBLIC FOOTPATH RUNNING BETWEEN ORCHARD DRIVE AND THE RECREATION GROUND AT NEWINGTON)****PUBLIC PATH EXTINGUISHMENT ORDER 2011**

The above Order made under Section 118 of the Highways Act 1980 will extinguish the entire width of that length of the Public Footpath which commences on Orchard Drive opposite No.13 (NGR TQ 8535 6446 (Point A)) and runs in a west north westerly direction for 26 metres to its connection with the recreation ground at NGR TQ 8532 6447 (Point B).

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order and the Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge during normal office hours at the offices of Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

The above notice(s) may be provided in other formats

For further information, please contact
Kent Countryside Access Service,
on 0845 345 0210 (Mon-Fri 8am-8pm)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/countrysideaccess



Any representations about or objections to the Order must be sent or delivered in writing to Laura Wilkins at the address below (Tel: 01622 221517) before 25 July 2011. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

If no representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, the Kent County Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER**HIGHWAYS ACT 1980****THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL****(PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZR691, NEWINGTON)****PUBLIC PATH CREATION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2011**

The above Order made under Section 26 of the Highways Act 1980 will add a new length of Public Footpath numbered ZR691, which commences on Orchard Drive to the north of No. 6 at NGR TQ 8538 6453 (Point A) and runs in a west north westerly through west south westerly direction for 32 metres to Point B (NGR TQ 8535 6454). The path then continues to run for 74 metres in a west south westerly thence south south westerly direction running through the recreation ground to meet with the surfaced path leading to the Pavilion (NGR TQ 8532 6447 (Point C)). The path has a width of 2.0 metres between Point A (NGR TQ 8538 6453) and Point B (NGR TQ 8535 6454) and a width of 1.0 metres as it passes through the recreation ground between Point B (NGR TQ 8535 6454) and Point C (NGR TQ 8532 6447). There will be pedestrian gates at NGR TQ 8538 6453 (Point A) and at NGR TQ 8535 6454 (Point B). The gates will conform to BS 5709:2006. That section of path between NGR TQ 8535 6454 (Point B) and NGR TQ 8532 6447 (Point C) will have a compacted stone surface.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order and the Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge during normal office hours at the offices of Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

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If no representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, the Kent County Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

PROW - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling**NOTICE OF COMING INTO FORCE OF PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER****TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 SECTION 257****KENT COUNTY COUNCIL****(PUBLIC FOOTPATH MR251 (PART) BOROUGH GREEN)****PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2010**

On the 31 May 2011 certification was given that the terms of Article 2 of the Order requiring works to be carried out had been complied with, thereby enabling the Order to Come into Force. Copies of the Order may be seen free of charge at the Offices of Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ, or the Kent County Council, Countryside Access, at Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XX during office hours. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

For detailed enquiries please contact:

**Countryside Access Service
Kent County Council
Invicta House
County Hall
Maidstone
Kent ME14 1XX**

Dated: 24th June 2011

**THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Town and Country Planning Act
Notice of Applications**

MA/11/0313/S - 2, CROW PLAIN COTTAGES, BENOVER ROAD, YALDING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME18 6AZ - Erection of a two storey side/rear extension. **Reason: 1**

MA/11/0314/S - 2, CROW PLAIN COTTAGES, BENOVER ROAD, YALDING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME18 6AZ - Application for listed building consent for the part demolition to side of existing house and proposed replacement 2 storey side/rear extension and internal alterations. **Reason: 3**

MA/11/0601/S - DENTAL SURGERY, CHURCH GREEN, MARDEN, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9HR - Erection of first floor extension, two storey side and rear extension, single storey side extension and alterations to openings to existing dental practice. **Reason: 1**

MA/11/0786/S - ELPHICKS BARN, WATER LANE, HUNTON, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0SG - Demolition of existing agricultural barn and erection of replacement barn with office and change of use of land from agricultural to residential curtilage (Resubmission of MA/10/1990). **Reason: 1**

MA/11/0790/N - 34, LOWER STONE STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 6LX - An application for listed building consent for works to infill the rear ground floor wall to provide permanent separation between 34 Lower Stone Street and the workshop that abuts the rear elevation. **Reason: 3**

MA/11/0849/N - LAND TO WEST OF SPRINGFIELD HOUSE, SANDLING ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 2LP - Change of use of car park for the storage of granite for High Street Improvement Scheme. **Reason: 1**

MA/11/0850/S - HOPPERS FIELD, TONBRIDGE ROAD, BARMING, MAIDSTONE, ME16 9NH - Conversion of former sheephouse from holiday and tourist use (as permitted under MA/04/0387) to a single family dwelling, together with associated alterations. **Reason: 1**

MA/11/0884/S - THE BARN, HUNTON COURT FARM, WEST STREET, HUNTON, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0RR - Erection of a replacement garage. **Reason: 1**

MA/11/0892/N - 64, CROSS KEYS, BEARSTED, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 4HR - Erection of single storey side and rear extension. **Reason: 2**

MA/11/0900/N - 1, PRINCES WAY, DETLING, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 3LB - Erection of first floor side extension. **Reason: 2**

MA/11/0909/N - 37, UNION STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1ED - Extensions and alterations to facilitate change of use from A1 (shop) to mixed A3/A5 use (Restaurant with Takeaway Facilities). **Reason: 2**

MA/11/0916/S - LAND ADJOINING MARDEN LIBRARY & HERITAGE CENTRE, HIGH STREET, MARDEN, MAIDSTONE, KENT, TN12 9DP - Erection of an air-raid siren on the original village mounting post and a K6 red telephone box. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/11/0920/N - YEW TREE FARMHOUSE, THE STREET, WORMSHILL, SITTINGBOURNE, KENT, ME9 0TU - Changes to fenestration and installation of a wood burning stove with ventilation. **Reason: 1**

MA/11/0921/N - YEW TREE FARMHOUSE, THE STREET, WORMSHILL, SITTINGBOURNE, KENT, ME9 0TU - An application for listed building consent for demolition of part of end gable, removal of existing window and failed roof plate, replacement by new roof plate, installation of new window to South elevation, rebuilding of wall, change to design of approved French doors to East elevation and installation of wood burning stove with ventilation. **Reason: 3**

**Reasons for advertisement key:**

- 1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
- 2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
- 3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.

Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Wednesday 8.30am to 5.30pm, Thursday 8.30am to 7pm, Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **10th July 2011**, quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated: 26th June 2011**

Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

11/01687/FUL Springhill Barn Standen Street, Benenden

- Conversion of barn to residential use and provision of detached garage in location of existing outbuildings (LB)

11/01190/FUL/MJ Tunbridge Wells Garden Centre Eridge Road, Broadwater

- Use of existing handstanding area as overflow car park; Demolition of two-storey building and erection of a single-storey extension (MAJOR)

11/01588/FUL St Georges Field Sissinghurst Road, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst

- Vehicle hard standing at side of soccer pitch (LB)

11/01729/FUL Southdown House Rock Villa Road, Culverden

- Variation of Condition (3) of TW/10/03050 (Change of use to D2 gymnasium and associated alterations) - Hours of operation (CA)

11/01672/FUL Flat 5 25 Broadwater Down, Pantiles & St Marks

- Replacement of existing conservatory with a single storey rear extension (CA)

11/01690/HOUSE 9 Calverley Park Gardens Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park

- Extension of Time: Demolition of existing side extension and erection of new side extension comprising basement ground and two upper floors (TW/08/01664 refers) (CA)

11/01707/HOUSE 12 Mountfield Gardens Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park

- Dormer to rear extension and installation of two replacement double glazed sash windows; rooflight to rear elevation (CA)

11/01715/LBC 22 Calverley Park Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park

- Listed Building Consent: Installation of slate clad, pitched roof over garage to replace existing flat roof (LB)

11/01605/HOUSE Bentham Farm Oast Victoria Road, Southborough North

- Six conservation style rooflights (LB) (CA)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting A Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe
Head of Planning Services
Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS
Dated: 25 June 2011



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HIGHWAYS - Borough of Ashford

**A28 CANTERBURY ROAD, GODMERSHAM
(30 MPH SPEED LIMIT) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS
AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY
RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

For the safety of the public and workforce during bridge strengthening works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order to impose a temporary mandatory speed limit of 30 mph on the A28 Canterbury Road, Godmersham, on or after 11 July 2011 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The section of road affected is from a point approximately 680 metres south west of Godmersham Bridge extending north eastwards to a point north east of the junction with The Street, approximately 500 metres from Godmersham Bridge, as defined by signage.

This Order is in force when the relevant signs are displayed on site.

**FLOOD STREET, MERSHAM
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway surfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Flood Street, Mersham, on or after Saturday 2 July 2011 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

Flood Street (shown as Church Road on some maps) will be closed from Mersham Primary School to the junction with Blind Lane.

The alternative route is via Flood Street, South Stour Road, Cheeseman's Green Lane, Highfield Lane, Kingsford Street, The Street, Bower Road and Church Road.

**POUND LANE, KINGSNORTH
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS
AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY
RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of water mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Pound Lane, Kingsnorth, on or after 27 June 2011 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in sections along its entire length.

The alternative route is via Ashford Road, Brittainia Lane and Millbank Road

HIGHWAYS - District of Dover

**CRABBLE AVENUE, DOVER
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Crabble Avenue, Dover, on or after 27 June 2011 for up to 4 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Hillside Road and Crabble Road.

The alternative routes are

River-bound via Crabble Road, Crabble Hill, Buckland Avenue, Cherry Tree Avenue, London Road, Coombe Valley Road*, Barwick Road, St. Radigund's Road and Bunkers Hill Road

Dover-bound via Bunkers Hill Road, St Radigund's Road, Barwick Road, Coombe Valley Road*, London Road, Crabble Hill, Crabble Road

* Note that there is a height restriction of 13' 9" at the railway bridge in Coombe Valley Road.

**NAPIER ROAD & HOBART CRESCENT, DOVER
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Napier Road & Hobart Crescent, Dover, on or after 11 July 2011 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between 47 Hobart Crescent and 63 Napier Road.

The alternative route is via Hobart Crescent or Napier Road.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Gravesend

**CHRISTIAN FIELDS AVENUE, GRAVESEND -
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Christian Fields Avenue, Gravesend for its entire length.

The Order will become effective on 27th June 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 18 months. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate demolition works and construction of new buildings.

**FERGUSON AVENUE, GRAVESEND -
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Ferguson Avenue, Gravesend for its entire length.

The Order will become effective on 11th July 2011, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 18 months. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate demolition works and construction of new buildings.

HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

**NIGHTINGALE LANE (BACK LANE), SUNDRIDGE -
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Nightingale Lane (Back Lane), Sundridge between B2042 Wheatsheaf Hill and Little Norman Street.

The Order will become effective on 11th July 2011. It will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months. The restriction will be effective when required and when the appropriate signage is in place. The works are planned to commence 16th July 2011 and last for 1 week.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Wheatsheaf Hill, Coopers Corner, Camberwell Lane, Ide Hill Road, Great Norman Street and Little Norman Street

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate installation of new power cable.

HIGHWAYS - District of Shepway

**BROAD STREET, MONKS HORTON
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS
AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY
RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of repairs to a defective area within the carriageway, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Broad Street, Monks Horton, on or after 11 July 2011 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

Broad Street (shown on some maps as Southenay Lane) will be closed between the junctions with Fiddling Lane and Church Lane.

The alternative route is via Fiddling Lane, Whiteways (Scot's Lane) and Church Lane.

**CASTLE HILL AVENUE, FOLKESTONE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of repairs to defective areas within the carriageway, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, on or after 11 July 2011 for up to 2 nights or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Sandgate Road and Shorncliffe Road.

The closures are between 7.00 pm and 5.00 am each night with the road re-opened outside these hours.

The alternative route is via A259 Shorncliffe Road, Earls Avenue and A2033 Sandgate Road.

**CHAPEL STREET, HYTHE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Chapel Street, Hythe, on or after 27 June 2011 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed for its entire length.

The alternative route is via A259 Rampart Road, Prospect Road and Bank Street.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Swale

**BEXON LANE, BREDGAR
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of works to install telegraph poles, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Bexon Lane, Bredgar, on or after 30 June 2011 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed for its entire length.

The alternative route is via The Street, Swanton Street, Bashford Barn Lane and Hawks Hill Lane.

**NELSON AVENUE, MINSTER-ON-SEA
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of excavations in the carriageway for a new electricity supply, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Nelson Avenue, Minster-on-Sea, on or after 27 June 2011 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of no. 89.

The alternative route is via Elm Lane, Drake Avenue and Scocles Road.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (SITTINGBOURNE
NORTHERN RELIEF ROAD, SWALE)
(SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2011**

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL proposes to make the above named Order under section 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act,

The effect of the Order will be to:

Introduce a 40mph speed limit on the following roads or lengths of roads:

**Sittingbourne
Northern
Relief Road,
Sittingbourne**

To tie in with the existing 40mph speed limit at its north west junction with Ridham Avenue / Swale Way in both directions, for its entire 1.4km length, to tie in with the 30mph speed limit 21 metres west of its junction with the Castle Road Roundabout 'Give way' line.

Introduce a 30mph speed limit on the following roads or lengths of roads:

**Sittingbourne
Northern
Relief Road,
Sittingbourne**

To tie in with the existing 30mph speed limit at its south east junction with the Castle Road Roundabout 'Give way' line in both directions, for 21 metres, to tie in with the 40mph speed limit 21 metres west of the aforesaid junction.

Full details are contained in the draft Orders which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Orders may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 3HT and at Sessions House, Maidstone during normal opening times.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to Major Projects Team, 2nd Floor, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX by noon on 18th July 2011.

HIGHWAYS - District of Thanet

**HAWLEY STREET, MARGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS
AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY
RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Hawley Street, Margate, on or after 27 June 2011 for up to 4 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Love Lane and Lombard Street.

The alternative route is via Hawley Street, Cecil Square, Queen Street, Marine Gardens, Marine Drive, The Parade, Fort Hill, B2051 Fort Crescent, B2055 Zion Place, Northdown Road, Trinity Square and Trinity Hill.

Please note this for up to 4 weeks rather than the 3 weeks initially advised

**NAPIER ROAD, BROADSTAIRS (PROHIBITION OF
DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS
AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY
RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of drainage repair works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Napier Road, Broadstairs, on or after 11 July 2011 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside number 4.

The alternative route is via Church Street, Northdown Road and Magdala Road.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(ALLENS LANE, PLAXTOL)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS
AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY
RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Allens Lane, from the junction of Brook Lane for approximately 150m on or after Thursday 14th July 2011 when required for a period of up to 1 day or until such works are complete.

The alternative route is via Brook Lane, Long Mill Lane, The Hurst, Old Soar Road, Allens Lane.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(EXEDOWN ROAD, WROTHAM)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS
AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY
RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Exedown Road from outside The Reservoir travelling south for 70m on or after Monday 27th June 2011 for a period of up to 2 weeks or until such works are completed.

For further information, please contact
Kent Highway Services,
on 08458 247 800 (local rate)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways



The alternative route is via Kemsing Road, Bull Lane, A20 London Road, Terry's Lodge Road.

South East Water apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary for flowmeter installation and cross connections between mains. Should you require any further information for these works, please contact Anthony Kavanagh on 01634 276409.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (HATHAM GREEN LANE, STANSTED) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Hatham Green Lane on or after Monday 27th June 2011 for a period of up to 16 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Ash Lane, A20 London Road, Labour In Vain Road, Plaxdale Green Road.

South East Water apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary for mains replacement works. Should you require any further information for these works, the contact is Chris Ayles on 01634 276311.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tunbridge Wells

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (MARLE PLACE ROAD, HORSMONDEN) (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Marle Place Road from Highlands Farm to B2162 Lamberhurst Road on or after Monday 27th June 2011 for a period of up to 5 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via Ruck Lane and B2162 Lamberhurst Road.

UK Power Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary for a supply upgrade. Should you require any further information for these works, please contact Scott Davis on 01732 783986.

For further information, please contact Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

WEST KENT

IN THE BOROUGH OF TUNBRIDGE WELLS, MAIDSTONE AND TONBRIDGE & MALLING

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(A228 MAIDSTONE ROAD, CAPEL/WHETSTED ROAD, CAPEL/ WHETSTED ROAD, YALDING/BRANBRIDGES ROAD, EAST PECKHAM/BOYLE WAY, B2160 MAIDSTONE ROAD, YALDING, BELTRING ROAD, EAST PECKHAM, BRANBRIDGES ROAD, EAST PECKHAM)

(40 MPH & 30MPH SPEED RESTRICTIONS)

(NO STOPPING OR WAITING RESTRICTIONS)

(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2011

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because of the likelihood of danger to the public the Kent County Council has made an Order with the following restrictions.

Traffic travelling at any speed in access of 40mph is prohibited on the A228 Maidstone Road, Capel from the junction with B2017 Badsell Road to the junction of Whetsted Road (northern end, the start of the A228 Whetsted Road, Capel).

Traffic travelling at any speed in access of 30mph is prohibited on the A228 Whetsted Road, Capel between the A228 Maidstone Road, Capel to the roundabout outside the main entrance to The Hop Farm Country Park.

The effect of the Order will be to introduce prohibition of waiting or stopping on A228 Maidstone Road from B2017 Badsell Road/Whetsted Road/Branbridges Road/ Boyle Way to A228 Seven Mile Lane, B2160 Maidstone Road between Transfesa Road and A228 Whetsted Road roundabout and Beltring Road between A228 Branbridges Road to Torbay Road.

Prohibit waiting and stopping on Branbridges Road, outside of the Industrial Estate.

These restrictions are to be in place, when required as indicated by signage on site, between 000hrs and 2359hrs on Thursday 30th June 2011 to Monday 4th July 2011 and Wednesday 20th July 2011 to Sunday 24th July 2011.

The Hop Farm Country Park apologise for any inconvenience caused by these restrictions which are necessary due to large scale events taking place.

Katherine Kerswell, Group Managing Director
Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone
Kent, ME14 1XQ
Dated 24th June 2011



PREMISES/ GOODS LICENCES

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR THE VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE UNDER SECTION 34 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT MR NISH PATEL HAS APPLIED TO THE CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL FOR THE VARIATION OF THE PREMISES LICENCE FOR LONDIS, 48 ST DUNSTAN'S STREET, CANTERBURY, KENT CT2 8BY AS FOLLOWS: 1) TO PERMIT THE SALE OF ALCOHOL FOR CONSUMPTION OFF THE PREMISES BETWEEN 08.00 TO 23.00 SUNDAY TO SATURDAY. 2) TO REMOVE CONDITION NUMBER 1 IMPOSED BY THE LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE SO AS TO PERMIT THE SALE OF SINGLE CANS OR BOTTLES OR BROKEN MULTI-PACKS OF CIDER, LAGER OR BEER.

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| Councillor | Basic Allowance Allowance | Special Responsibility | Travel Allowance | Subsistence | Carers' Allowance Tax and N. I.* | Total before |
|----------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Ayres | 4270.93 | 0.00 | 58.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4328.93 |
| Bartlett | 4270.93 | 11698.76 | 31.20 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 16000.89 |
| Mrs Bell | 4270.93 | 0.00 | 419.60 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4690.53 |
| Bell | 4270.93 | 6973.80 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 11244.73 |
| Mrs Blanford | 4270.93 | 0.00 | 782.30 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 5053.23 |
| Bradberry | 4270.93 | 0.00 | 3.20 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4274.13 |
| Burgess | 4270.93 | 1394.77 | 623.20 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 6288.90 |
| Clarkson | 4270.93 | 7050.02 | 383.20 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 11704.15 |
| Cloughton | 4270.93 | 6973.80 | 38.40 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 11283.13 |
| Clokic | 4270.93 | 9596.91 | 1975.88 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 15843.72 |
| Cowley | 4270.93 | 0.00 | 192.80 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4463.73 |
| Davidson | 4270.93 | 1467.81 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 5738.74 |
| Davidson | 4270.93 | 2515.66 | 522.30 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 7308.89 |
| Ellison | 4270.93 | 1549.74 | 160.15 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 5980.82 |
| Feacey | 4270.93 | 0.00 | 44.20 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4315.13 |
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| Goddard | 4270.93 | 1394.77 | 433.30 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 6099.00 |
| Mrs Hawes | 4270.93 | 5860.50 | 148.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 10279.43 |
| Mrs Heaton | 4270.93 | 0.00 | 187.10 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4458.03 |
| Heyes | 4270.93 | 6135.72 | 45.60 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 10452.25 |
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| Kemp | 2847.29 | 1396.80 | 18.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4262.09 |
| Koowarec | 4270.93 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4270.93 |
| Mrs Laughton | 4270.93 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4270.93 |
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| Mrs Marriott | 4270.93 | 5579.05 | 377.90 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 10227.88 |
| Mrs Martin | 4270.93 | 0.00 | 127.20 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4398.13 |
| Naughton | 4270.93 | 437.32 | 193.10 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4901.35 |
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BIRTHS

BROUGHTON

Darren and Margaret are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful baby son, Ryan Donald Broughton, born on 3rd June, 2011, at Darent Valley Hospital. A baby brother for Maisie Broughton.

COLLINS

Gavin and Emma are delighted to announce the arrival of Zak Benjamin Collins, born on 25th April, 2011, at Darent Valley Hospital, weighing 7lb 14oz. Much loved son, grandson and great grandson. xx

CULVER

Launa and Richard of Deal are delighted to announce the birth of their son Ayden-Thomas Mark Ray Culver, born on 3rd June, 2011, at QEQM Hospital weighing 6lb. You are the miracle who we will love and treasure forever.

ROSE

Isobel Catalina born on 28th May, 2011, weighing 3lb 15oz. A daughter to Christian and Helen Rose of Ashford.

SUMPTER

Lee and Jodie celebrate the birth of their daughter Elissa Mae Sumpter,

born on the 6th June, 2011, weighing 6lb 8oz.

TURNER

Vanessa and Craig are delighted to announce the birth of their baby son Benjamin Harry William Turner, who was born on 17th May, 2011. Ben weighed in at 4lb 6oz - small but perfect. Proud grandparents are Glynis and Harry of Grove Green, Linda and Bill of Murcia, Spain.

TURNER

Ben and Laura are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful son Henry John, born on 30th May, 2011, at Darent Valley Hospital and weighed 6lb 12oz.

DEATHS

BOWSKILL

Dorothy Bowskill died suddenly at home on 13th June, 2011, aged 92 years. Deeply loved widow of the late John (Lofty) Bowskill. She will be sadly missed by all her family. A loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral service to be held at TW Crematorium on 28th June at 2.30pm. Family flowers only. Any donations to The Hospice in the Weald via E R Hickmotts and Sons, 41 Grove

Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells TN1 1SD.

HADAWAY

Stan (Stanley Wilfred) Hadaway of Canterbury sadly passed away at his home on 10th June, 2011. A dearly loved dad and grandad who will be sorely missed. Please contact Co-Operative Funeralcare on 01227 463067.

LEES

Jimmy Lees passed away peacefully on the 14th June, 2011, with his loved ones by his side. Funeral at Hawkinge Crematorium on Monday, 27th June, 2011, at 1:15.

LINNEY

Leonard Barry, aged 86, of New Romney, passed away on 10th June, 2011, after a short illness. Will be sadly missed by his wife Yvonne, daughters Susan, Tricia and Yvonne, and all the family and friends.

YOUNG

Ruth A Young died on 14th June, 2011. Funeral service to take place at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on 29th June at 2pm. Family flowers only, any donations to Cancer Research. All enquiries to Silks Funeral Directors, 01580 712 284.



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Kent Weekend

A shot in the Farm

The Vaccines are ready to rock at festival

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Vaccines take fast effect

THE last 12 months have seen the meteoric rise of one of the most exciting bands to come out of the UK in years.

Indie rockers The Vaccines have released their debut album, toured America, had their music used in a number of television adverts and are now steeling themselves for a long stint on the hectic summer-festival circuit.

The group head to Kent's own Lounge On The Farm in July.

Speaking from Spain's Balearic islands, guitarist Freddie Cowan told how the whirlwind year had been exactly what the band had worked for. "We have been so busy that we haven't really had time to look back at what has happened," he said.

"We're just taking it day by day, really, and trying to survive. I mean, we played Majorca Rocks last night, Ibiza Rocks tonight, we have three flights tomorrow just to get to Helsinki for another festival. It's crazy.

"You get out what you put in. Like anything else, the harder you work, the more fun you have."

With their album *What Did You Expect From The Vaccines?* reaching number four in the UK charts, the group have rocketed into the spotlight during 2011.

The four-piece outfit formed just two years ago, setting off a roller-coaster ride that has been a dream come true for Cowan and the lads.

He said: "We have just been on tour with the Arctic Monkeys in America, which was our first big headline tour before the summer festivals.

"America is no different to the UK – it's just about eight months behind in music, so people are just starting to hear about us over there.

"The response has been fantastic. We had a performance on the

David Letterman show, which was kind of like the equivalent of Jools Holland. We also did our first in-store performance in LA and ended up signing more autographs there than we did here in HMV in London."

With festivals now playing a big part in most bands' tour plans, it is no surprise that the new kids on the block booked themselves into a number of top events, including the Isle of Wight Festival and Glastonbury.

Cowan, whose older brother Tom is singer in breakthrough band The Horrors, has been keen on getting in on the act.

He said: "Since I was a kid I have always had a dream of doing the festivals circuit and it hasn't disappointed me whatsoever.

"There are always amazing backstage areas where you can hang out with other bands and meet your heroes – it's fantastic.

"The first one I ever went to was the Reading Festival in 2003, to see The Strokes with my brother, and

Joe Bill talks to the indie rockers' guitarist Freddie Cowan about the band's rise to fame and living the dream on the circuit ahead of Lounge On The Farm



LIFE IN THE FEST LANE: The Vaccines have a busy summer of festivals ahead; guitarist Freddie Cowan is on the far right

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FREDDIE COWAN THE VACCINES

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The group are looking forward to their stint at the Merton Farm event, although they are not immune to a little winding up...

"Really, there will be sheep on stage? OK! Well, actually, when I was in my first-ever band we were playing a really tiny festival called Hollow Log for only 500 people.

"This dog just wandered up on stage and bit our drummer's leg. It was attacking the drummer during our set.

"So I don't know how I feel about having animals on stage, but I'm sure a sheep wouldn't be as bad as that."

One of Cowan's heroes will also be performing at the Canterbury gig, the lead guitarist from 90s Britpop band Blur.

"It's going to be amazing – Graham Coxon is one of the greatest British guitarists ever," he said.

"Blur were completely original and individual. He is a true Brit and it will be an honour to play on the same stage as he has."

Despite releasing four singles from their debut album, including the hugely popular *If You Wanna*, The Vaccines are not averse to festival tradition and covering someone else's songs live on stage.

"If we have friends and musicians from other bands who have ideas, it

is good to get them on with us," said Cowan. "We did it in New York with a good friend from the band Minor Threat and it worked really well."

Cowan also dropped in that there was going to be a new single coming out during the summer but could divulge no more.

With Graham Coxon, Ellie Goulding, The Streets, Echo & The Bunnymen and Example all on the bill, The Vaccines are sure to get the festival experience they worked so hard to achieve.

■ Lounge On The Farm takes place at Merton Farm, Canterbury, from Friday to Sunday, July 8-10. For more information, visit www.loungeonthefarm.co.uk.



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VOTERS living in Sittingbourne's Grove ward were presented with an interesting list of names when they went to the polls in May.

Interesting not because of who the candidates were, what they stood for or for which party they represented, but because all six of them – Ian Davison, Duncan Dewar-Whalley, Bernard Lowe, Gareth Randall, Richard Raycraft and Peter Wilson – were men.

But while such an all-male popularity contest may cause some raised eyebrows, it isn't all that unusual an occurrence in Swale, Kent, or indeed the rest of the UK.

According to a study of 3,500 seats across the country at the last set of local elections, there was a net increase of just 20 women councillors. And at the present rate it will be more than 150 years before there are equal numbers of men and women elected.

Nan Sloane, director of the Centre for Women and Democracy, says this represents a "democratic deficit" that undermines the legitimacy of decisions made in council chambers around the country.

"This is shocking and goes against all the rhetoric we hear so often about the need for more women in public life," she said.

"Since more than 90 per cent of councillors belong to one of the big three parties, their candidate recruitment processes are key.

"In a genuinely representative democracy women would not be regarded as an added extra. They're 51 per cent of the population, they're more likely to be both the users and the providers of local services, and they pay equal taxes.

"It is high time they were equally represented."

Of the 14 councils in Kent – including Kent County Council – there are a total of 724 elected members, of which just 197 (27 per cent) are female.

Tonbridge and Malling council is the best represented with 36 per cent of its 53 councillors women, while KCC is by far and away the worst with just 14 out of 84 (17 per cent) being members of the fairer sex.

The figure is not much higher back in Swale, with only 11 women having a spot in the council's 47-seat chamber. Not that it bothers Tory council leader Cllr Andrew Bowles, who makes it clear that ability is more important to him than gender.

"I wouldn't say I'm particularly concerned," he said. "I tend to think of our councillors as 47 individuals who all bring their own particular skills and abilities to the council.

"I really couldn't care less if they were male, female, black, white, disabled or whatever. It's about what they bring to the council and their abilities, both as a member of the council in terms of decision-making and as a representative of their ward, that I value more than gender or anything else."

According to the study by the Centre for Women and Democracy, there were 318 wards out of the sample of 3,500 where all the main three party candidates were male – 14 times as many as the 22 wards where all the candidates were female.

The organisation is calling for closer monitoring of elections to ensure there is a diverse range of candidates, but Cllr Bowles said he was happy with the way things were.

"I very strongly wouldn't want to artificially change things in terms of quota or what have you because it is difficult enough to attract the right calibre of people to stand," he said.

"If you start excluding people because you've got enough male councillors, or enough



Nearly a century on from winning the vote, women are still in the minority when it comes to the councillors charged with serving our cities, towns and villages.

The number in Kent is particularly low, with just 17 per cent of our county councillors being female.

Reporter STEVE KNIGHT finds out why and poses the crucial question – does it really matter?

DO COUNCILS NEED A FEMININE TOUCH?

“““

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CLLR ANDREW BOWLES

people over 50, or enough people who live in a detached house, then you won't still manage to find the right calibre of people who can run the council for its residents."

Of the remaining local authorities in Kent, only Sevenoaks, Thanet, Canterbury and Dover have councils made up of more than 30 per cent women.

Away from KCC, Ashford council has the lowest figure at 21 per cent followed by Shepway (22) and Dartford (23).

There are also very few women in positions of power, with not a single council led by a female.

But while the figures speak for themselves, they do not answer the question as to why there are so few women representing their communities as councillors.

The Centre for Women and Democracy, the Fawcett Society, the Hansard Society and the Electoral Reform Society, have joined together to form the Counting Women In campaign to address the lack of women in politics.

But judging by the views of Cllr Jill Anderson, who has served as a Conservative member of Tonbridge and Malling council for the past 21 years, the partnership has a job on its hands in changing the way things are.

"I think the time constraints are such that if a woman is trying to bring up a family then it would be rather difficult," she said. "They have their hands full with so many other things that they just can't spare the time for council meetings and other commitments.

"I didn't have to go to work so I was one of those lucky people who could stay at home when my children were young. It must be a nightmare for people who are working as well as being a councillor; I just don't know how they do it. I don't think I could have done it.

"Being a councillor is not just a hobby you can take up and drop when you feel like it. It's pretty much a full-time job, and a lot of women just don't have the time."

Cllr Anderson added that she did not think it mattered how many men or women sat on a council, and that it was how they did their jobs that was most important.

She said: "I don't think of my job as being there to represent men or women; I think of it as representing all members of the community.

"I know how to raise the problems men raise, as well as the problems women raise, because they're the same problems. I don't think sex comes into it at all."

BALLOT:

Men and women alike have the right to stand in local council elections, but the number of men being elected in the UK far outweighs the number of women. Efforts are being made to alter this trend but many people say ability is more important than gender in local councils

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ROOMS WITH A VIEW: The Miramar guest house in Beltinge pictured in all its pre-1930s glory

Village hotel that was a favourite of the stars

Sylvia McKean

editorial@kosmedia.co.uk

BELTINGE at the end of the 19th century was little more than a hamlet on the parish boundaries of Reculver and Herne.

Around the turn of the century Thomas Dence and a Herbert Edward Ramsey began the development of Beltinge by selling plots of farmland for building, and the 1907 map of the area shows a building that was probably The Miramar.

The dwelling was turned into a guest house, probably in 1923, and in the years before World War Two Beltinge became a popular place for actors to live or holiday.

Actresses Phyllis and Zena Dare lived in the area, and the well known actress Dame Gladys Cooper was a regular visitor to their home.

Comic actor William Henry Berry, had a cottage on The Lees, and artist Austen Bowen, who drew the Pip Squeak and Wilfred cartoon strip for the Daily Mirror lived in Seaview Road.

Dover-born actor Fred Wright Jnr is listed as living at the Miramar for at least 10 years until 1920.

As Beltinge was on higher ground from the surrounding area it was considered a healthy place to be. There were convalescent homes, and the area was described as the "Cliftonville of Herne Bay". A medical report referred to it as the "finest natural sanatorium in the south of England".

Some time between 1907 and 1939 extra buildings were



FIRST CLASS: A Miramar newspaper advert from 1950

added to make the complex known as the Miramar Hotel.

Pictures of the Miramar suggest its success was due to increased car ownership and the popularity of motoring sight-seeing excursions with stops for refreshments. The interior was remembered for its imposing entrance staircase, large inglenook fireplace and dark wood panelling.

A memory of the Miramar area just before 1939: "Just after Lismore Road came the row of private garages belonging to the Miramar Hotel. They had a neat concrete forecourt before a green lawn at the side of Conyngham Road.

"The Miramar was then prospering as a hotel. The brick pillars at either side of the two drive in, drive out entrances were topped with large white glass globes and there were small trees growing against the wall which bordered the road.

"Behind the main hotel building was a large well maintained

lawn, then after an access road-way came a pair of tennis courts behind which was about 20 metres or so to the cliff edge."

It has been widely suggested that bouncing bomb creator Barnes Wallis stayed at the Miramar while secret bomb trials were taking place at Reculver in preparation for the Dambusters raid on the Ruhr dams in May, 1943.

No evidence of this seems to be forthcoming, however Herne Bay and district was in a 10-mile exclusion zone during the war, and the area was evacuated. Empty buildings were requisitioned for billets for the many troops stationed in the area.

It is likely there were military staying in the Miramar although whether they were involved in Dambuster trials is unknown.

Here are some war memories of the hotel: "The Miramar car park and garages were used by the Army and it was there that Bren Gun Carriers and Mortar Carriers were prepared for D-Day landings by having their engines waterproofed and their white stars painted on."

"The local Special Constables during their patrol checked in on the Miramar bar on a nightly basis before proceeding to the Rising Sun to do likewise."

After the war the electoral Register for the Miramar lists eight residents, seven women and one man – it is possible they were staff members living in at the hotel which was resuming its normal activities after the war.

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Dunkerley's success is all down to winds of change

AN DUNKERLEY has come a long way since helping out as a 14-year-old in a fish-and-chip shop. After training at Thanet College, he worked in top London kitchens, became head chef at The Woolpack in Chilham, managed hotels and has even presented cooking shows on cruise ships.

So when he and his wife, Linda, bought a small café on Deal seafront, they knew they could turn it into something special.

Ian said: "We bought the Pegasus café in 1987 and ran it for a season, it slowly evolving into something more upmarket with our personality.

"Then we had the hurricane and the roof was ripped off. As we were repairing it, we thought this was the time to improve things and we have continued to do that for 24 years."

The work meant converting the building to include hotel rooms and a larger kitchen. The result was Dunkerley's. Then in 1997 the Pier Hotel next to the restaurant came up for sale and Ian saw a new opportunity.

He said: "It was in need of some attention. We purchased it and created a bistro with a separate kitchen and more relaxed atmosphere."

The expansion meant 10 more rooms could be added to the hotel, but Ian always knew the key to success was the quality of the dining experience.

He said: "We have never forgotten our roots. Our motto is 'Come for dinner; stay for breakfast'. We have two rosettes from the AA, we are in the Michelin guide and we maintain those standards."

Ian created a menu that took advantage of Deal's greatest asset: the sea.

"We are extremely lucky here. We have wrecks just offshore where lobsters are fished by the local fishermen. We have a great fishmonger who has access to boats from Deal, Ramsgate and Hythe. We get a great cross-section of fresh fish, like bass, cod, brill, turbot and Dover sole. These days sole is expensive, but the classics are still very popular.

"A sixteen-ounce Dover sole cooked properly

The famous hurricane of 1987 had a profound effect on one restaurant-owner and his life, as **Ed Hill** discovered



STILL GOING STRONG:

Ian Dunkerley's passion for food hasn't waned since he started his career in the catering industry 40 years ago

will always be a big hit," he said.

The Dunkerley's menu also caters for meat-lovers and vegetarians, but the fish continually adds to the variety. Skate, plaice, mackerel, oysters and scallops come with the seasons.

Ian said: "You have to be careful with fish that you enhance a great base ingredient and don't mask it. Thirty years ago the fashion for sauces used to be a lot heavier. These days the trend is to have straight stock reductions for fish and meat. The sauces are richer in natural ingredients but much lighter in texture."

In tough economic times, Ian and Linda have always invested in the future and Deal's location has been a good place to ride out the storm.

Ian said: "The Open golf championship really has a great spin-off effect for us because it puts all the golf courses near us on a pedestal. We attract a lot of golfers around the year and then we have the Christmas trade. Deal is also a lovely old seaside town, so we're always full at weekends."

And although Ian does not spend as much time in the kitchen as he once did, his passion for food has never waned.

The 56-year-old said: "I am not in the kitchen every day – Josh Hackett is my head chef – but I still have a lot of input. You have to love food to still be interested 40 years on. The race for quality does not have a finishing line."

■ Visit www.dunkerleys.co.uk



Farmers' markets

Bridge

THE market at The Red Lion on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month aims to give shoppers the opportunity to buy high-quality, nutritious local food and drink which contributes to their well-being. The produce also respects animal welfare.

Hythe

HYTHE farmers' market was established in March 2004 by popular demand and continues to provide good-quality local food. It is now located in the Methodist church hall between Chapel Street and Prospect Road on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month.

Whitfield

WHITFIELD farmers' market is held every Thursday from 9am to noon in the village hall. It is a busy market, with up to 300 customers a week. Fresh fish is on offer, along with vegetables and fruit from local farms and eggs from an RSPCA freedom farm.

Stansted

THE farmers' market in Stansted was conceived as an alternative to opening a village shop. It offers a good variety of goods, including, meat, vegetables, soft fruit, cheese, bread and handmade chocolates. Jams and cakes are also on sale.

Rochester

ROCHESTER farmers' market has been running since 2000. The next event is on Sunday, September 19, at the Corporation Street car park. Rochester market is a certified and accredited member of the National Farmers' Retail & Markets Association.

Iwade

IWADE first opened its farmers' market in February 2009. It is held on the first Sunday of every month in the village hall from 10am until 1pm. Stalls offer local produce including organic meats, pastries, pies and honey; there are also crafts.

■ For more farmers' markets, visit www.farmersmarkets.org.uk

Close but no cigar for new kid on a busy block

TANKERTON can be overlooked when it comes to the ever-increasing range of gourmet options five minutes down the road in Whitstable.

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But as its reputation grew, it moved down the road to occupy larger, and certainly more picturesque, surroundings, complete with the sea view.

If Jo Jo's has demonstrated one thing, it is you need to be at the top of your game to make the location work.

In truth, the jury may be out for the new Mediterranean kid on the block.

Certainly it has a nice authentic ring to it when you arrive. The chef – Sicilian,

RESTAURANT REVIEW



they are quick to point out – and many of the kitchen staff speak Italian, and the waitresses are extremely friendly and welcoming. The décor is modest yet appealing, with wooden furniture and a large bar allowing glimpses into the

kitchen, the atmosphere on a quiet Monday night low-key.

We ordered a bottle of a moderately entertaining Verdicchio – an Italian white (£17) – but a bowl of olives or some bread to graze on was nowhere to be seen until the starters arrived.

And upon their arrival, much was indeed forgiven. I opted for the seared scallops (£7.95) – big, juicy and melting in the mouth. My partner went for the bruschetta with mushroom pâté (£5.50). As an Italian classic, this was, it must be said, slightly disappointing – the bread not punching quite the required crunchy bite expected.

The main course, however, was a fine offering. I had the pollo pancetta ed parmiggiano – chicken stuffed with parmesan and pancetta and pesto sauce (£12.95). The meat was cooked to perfection and the accompanying

vegetables helped create a fine meal.

My partner went for the filetti di spigola con leniticchie – seabass fillet with puy lentils and lemon gremolata (£13.95). The fish was tasty and all thoughts of a disappointing starter vanished. There was just time to enjoy panforte cioccolato – a traditional Italian dessert (£5.55) – and be a little alarmed at the lack of cheese on what masqueraded as the selection of Italian cheeses, which, at £5.55, was pushing it a tad.

Which was a shame, because while it came close, ultimately it failed due to that lack of attention to detail – essential given the competition nearby.

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On the menu...

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How to book...

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On the menu...

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How to book...

62 and 64 The Pantiles, Tunbridge Wells TN21 5TN
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The Swan Westgate

Why here...

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On the menu...

A wide and varied choice of appetisers, including moules marinière, homemade salmon fish cakes, deep-fried whitebait, spaghetti Bolognese, fish platter and Spanish paella, all accompanied by a bottle of wine.

How to book...

The Swan 75 Sea Road, Westgate-on-Sea CT8 8QG
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Mulberry Tree Boughton Monchelsea

Why here...

Travel down narrow sandy lanes and into the heart of The Weald to find this country restaurant, which enjoys two AA rosettes. A sunny terrace and garden offers alfresco dining with a view.

On the menu...

An award-winning member of Produced in Kent, the restaurant champions local products and sources from local suppliers within the Weald of Kent for its modern British and European cuisine.

How to book...

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On the menu...

Ravioli of prawns and smoked salmon with shellfish bisque are starters, while mains include chargrilled 28-day matured steak. There is an extensive dessert range.

How to book...

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Kits Coty Brasserie Bluebell Hill

Why here...

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On the menu...

Traditional British dishes get a modern slant, incorporating influences from Europe and Asia, using local produce wherever possible. Set three-course menu: lunch £16.50 and dinner £19.50.

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The river is a Kentish tributary of the River Thames. Its name is believed to be from a Celtic word meaning 'river where oak trees grow'.

Ponies graze on the open fields and sheep can be seen on the hillsides before you rejoin the river towards Farningham. Here the Lion Hotel – a popular haunt with generations of keen anglers, including the writer Charles Dickens – overlooks the river.

The village flourished in the 18th century, when it was an important overnight stop on the coach road from London to the coast and its fine inns are still popular with both visitors and local residents.

Just across the road from the Lion Hotel stands one of the finest mills in the valley. The corn-grinding stopped at this picture-book white-weatherboarded mill in 1900. Past residents at the Mill House have included the infamous Captain Bligh, who was in command of HMS Bounty when the notorious mutiny occurred in 1789.

Fifteen years after the Bounty mutiny, he was appointed Governor of New South Wales in Australia, with orders to clean up the corrupt rum trade of the New South Wales Corps, resulting in the so-called Rum Rebellion.

Cross over the town bridge and past the site of a former castle and medieval fairs – now Market Meadows, a village open space. Continue up the main street with its well-preserved stately Georgian houses and turn left just after Farningham House, opposite The Pied Bull public house, to follow the path back across the fields and along to the banks of the river.

Keep an eye out for the wildlife that the area harbours. The yellow breasts of grey wagtails are regularly seen along this stretch of the river and numerous holes in the bank are the homes for small mammals such as water voles.

Passing over the river to the eastern side you will return back to Horton Kirby village. The White House on the main street is a place of significance in the area. It was believed to have been the centre of a thriving smuggling business handling spirits and silks at the end of the 19th and beginning of the 20th centuries.

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Wedding venue Come and see the new gazebo

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Jungle Book Lively take on a classic

Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells

Tue, June 28-Sat, July 2
www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk

IF you're looking for a top family experience, don't miss this acclaimed production. The Birmingham Stage Company is presenting Rudyard Kipling's classic story about Mowgli, a boy raised in

the jungle by wolves. When Sher Khan the tiger vows to kill the child, Baloo the bear and Bagheera the panther agree to take the boy to the man village for his safety. But the jungle holds dangers, and Mowgli's adventure has just begun. Peter Elliott, an animal-movement expert who has worked on such films as Greystoke and The Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy, has been working with actors for the show. He said: 'The actors need to sing and dance and also tell a story, so the faces have masks

which do not completely obscure them. "It gives me a bit of freedom. You can capture the dangerous quality of a tiger by portraying the way it moves and the way its eyes fix on you. "Animals have natural body language - it's not affected. I examine the physicality, the backbone, the weight and how they breathe. With a gorilla, for instance, I try to get the rhythm right, the deep breathing you expect from such a large animal." Tickets: adults £10, children £8, schools £6. See website for performance times.

Competition Calling young musicians

Ashford

Thursday, July 7
www.equatorfestival.com
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THE Equator world music festival has announced the second stage of its music competition in which semi-finalists from across Kent will have the opportunity to perform in front of a supportive and appreciative Ashford audience. The competition is aimed at developing the county's talent. Groups, soloists, singers and instrumentalists under the age of 18 are invited to submit music; schools can also enter their students. The entry must be one piece of music or a song of any genre not longer than five minutes on CD, DVD or MP3. The deadline for entries is Thursday, June 30. Finalists will be selected after this event and invited to perform in an autumn event. They will be given a recording of their performances. Entries must include contact details and name of the artist. Send postal entries to ShivaNova, Peregrine, Grange Road, St Michaels, Tenterden, Kent TN30 6TJ. Email entries should be sent to admin@shivanova.co.uk.



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Friday to Sunday, July 8-10
thekentsalsafestival.co.uk
07894 252587

THIS year's Kent Salsa Music and Dance Festival is being held at the Hop Farm, Paddock Wood, from July 8-10. Artists lined up for the event on the outdoor stage include acoustic guitarist and singer Lucy Kitt, right, and salsa acts Los Soneros and Luis Lema. There will also be DJs specialising in popular Latin American music. Now in its sixth year, the festival presents a weekend of entertainment including music, shows, workshops and three party nights of fun. Workshops held throughout the weekend introduce newcomers to salsa dance and music. On Saturday night a fancy-dress party will be themed on prehistoric times, the Romans and Medieval eras. Camping spots are available.



Riot of Indian colour Seaflowers

Rochester Art Gallery
Until August 19
arts@medway.gov.uk
01634 338319

INDIA is the inspiration for a new exhibition at Rochester Art Gallery. Medway artist Wendy Smith's exhibition *Seaflowers* includes contemporary paintings and textile installations celebrating colour and ritual in southern India. Inspired by a residency on the coast in Karnataka, Smith presents new work that responds to daily life and

vibrant street culture, which remains a source of fascination for her. During her stay in India, Smith immersed herself in daily life, observing the women and children selling flowers to pilgrims and tourists outside the temples each morning while fishermen went to sea for their families to sell the catch at market. Smith bought flowers from the temples each day to draw at her studio and visited the nearby fishing village to watch villagers repairing and making nets and offering temple flowers to the sea. Smith spent two hours a day making textile flowers from sari material. She continued this process back in the UK with help from friends and family for part of her installation.

Music variety T-entertaining sounds for all

Tenterden recreation ground
Friday, July 1- Sunday, July 3
www.tentertainment.info

FOLLOWING last year's event, the most successful to date, Tenterden is staging an even bigger festival weekend this time round. New additions for the free

festival include a local show offering a 1940s wartime entertainment experience and even an acoustic yurt. Music includes the indie sounds of guitar acts like Gentleman Starkey, who have featured recently in Q magazine, and The Soundcasters, a fitting act to fill the main stage late on Saturday after returning from a successful appearance on Channel 4. Local groups at the festival include The Flotels And Fleeting Hearts, who will be contributing just as much with their array of rock anthems

designed to get even the heaviest of feet tapping. Friday's cool jazzy evening features 2007 X Factor finalist Adam Chandler, while headlining on the Sunday are gorgeous girl-band Wink, who reached round three of the new series of The X Factor. Visitors can take a break in one of the many marquees providing food and drink. Organiser Jimmy Harrison, said: "There is something for all the family this year. The ethos of Tenterden is to promote a diversity of music that is enough to please any fan or any nan."



Famous face Mona Lisa to Rochester?

Penfold House, Rochester
Monday to Sunday, July 4-10,
9am-5pm
reproductionartgallery.com

THE Reproduction Art Gallery in Rochester high street is launching its first public exhibition of more than 40 reproduction paintings from the most well-known art masters of history. The display will provide a stunning view comprising subjects ranging from Christianity, landscape, abstract and still life to nude. The reproduction list includes *Mona Lisa*, originally by Leonard da Vinci; *L'innocence* by William Bouguereau; and *The Fighting Temeraire* by JMW Turner. All works are 100 per cent hand-painted on blank canvas with oils and follow the six steps of professional painting as used by da Vinci, Vincent van Gogh and Claude Monet. Stella Buffet, from the gallery, said: "If you have not visited The Louvre in Paris to see the *Mona Lisa*, we've brought her here to Rochester." Reproduction paintings can be customised to meet individual needs. Entry to the exhibition is free and open to business customers and the public.

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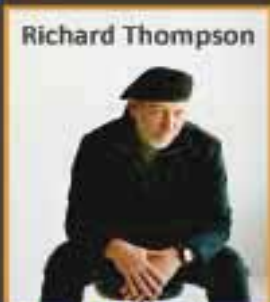
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Festival news The line-up grows again

Lounge On The Farm

Friday to Sunday, July 8-10
www.loungeonthefarm.co.uk
www.ticketline.co.uk

LOUNGE On The Farm has announced more additions for the comedy stage, including stand-up trailblazer Robin Ince – known for his friendship with Ricky Gervais and appearance as Stuart Foot in hit sitcom The Office.

Ince has won the Time Out Comedy Award, Observer Award and Chortle Award and was a British Comedy Award nominee. Joining him will be Phil Nichol, the actor, Edinburgh comedy award-winner, producer, presenter, writer and musician. Other confirmations include Tom Deacon, known for his appearances on The Rob Brydon Show, Dave's One Night Stand and his Radio 1 Sunday show.

New confirmations to The Playhouse include The Private Widdle Social Club – an eccentric cabaret hosted by comedian Paul Foot (Never Mind The Buzzcocks) featuring everything from the sublime to the ridiculous. The new recruits will be joining the likes of The Streets, The Vaccines and Graham Coxon.

Dance chance for hundreds BLINK

Margate seafront

Saturday, August 27
www.blinkmargate.org
Attendance is free

DANCE workshops begin next week across Margate as award-winning dance company Wayne McGregor sets out to recruit 100 local people from Thanet to form

the BLINK Dance Company. More than 350 local people aged 14 and above will participate in taster dance workshops in locations across Margate over the next six weeks on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

A total of 100 dancers will then be offered the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to perform on Margate seafront in the spectacular event. Thousands are expected to gather on the seafront on Saturday, August 27, as choreographer Wayne McGregor, the extraordinary theatre group Pan Optikum and soundscape artist Scanner

collaborate to bring buildings and the beach to life. Alongside the dance workshops, five Year One students studying BTECH Film and TV at Thanet College have won the opportunity to play their part in BLINK by creating a Buzz campaign ahead of the event.

Bob Bennet, Ben Jayson, Natasha Mitchell, James Smoker and Michael Thompson beat off strong competition to win a budget of £5,000 to develop their idea and manage their publicity project in the run-up to the start of BLINK.



Stand-up Ross Noble and friends

Trinity Theatre,
Tunbridge Wells

Saturday, July 2, 8pm
01892 678 678

THE Trinity Theatre has announced that the critically-acclaimed comedian Ross Noble will host a show in early July.

The Geordie funnyman is bringing some comedic friends along for the gig, which he is using as a warm-up session before hosting Laughs In The Park, three big outdoor shows in St Albans.

With his DVDs and sell-out stadium tours on the horizon,



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For Honour And Fame Chivalry in England 1066-1500

By Nigel Saul
The Bodley Head, £25

THE author of this weighty tome traces the origins of the often-misunderstood cult of chivalry from the arrival of the Normans to the end of the Medieval era.

Now, rather feebly, associated with holding open doors for women, the original idea was in many ways to ensure that casualties among the higher echelons of society were reduced during wartime.

The Saxons seemed to love to cut off the heads off their opponents, but the Normans conceived the idea of offering mercy to vanquished foes – in exchange for property, money or an oath of loyalty.

As the book says, “the appeal of combining financial gain with self-preservation” was attractive to all as the Anglo-Norman elite “softened and civilised the conduct of war”.

Not, of course, that this was much good to you if you were a peasant fighting for his feudal lord.

But chivalry began to permeate other forms of life – art, culture and the concept of “courtly love” with women, regarded as the fairer sex with attributes such as purity and loyalty.

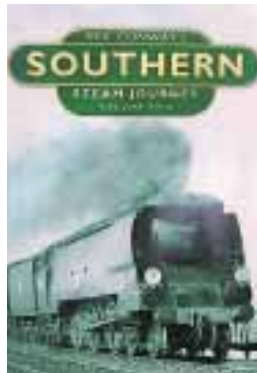
When Edward III routed the French forces at the Battle of Crécy, he praised the chivalric code which bound his warriors together by forming the Order of the Garter.

But as knighthood began to decline in importance, and merchants, traders and clerics became of greater value to the existing society the concept, too, was reduced in its value.

Later warfare in the Middle Ages increased in brutality as the armoured horseman

was reduced in effectiveness by the longbowman and later gunpowder.

Now enshrined in tradition from writer Geoffrey Chaucer’s “perfect, gentle knight” to the legends of King Arthur, the reality of chivalry has been illuminated vastly by this excellent work.



Southern Steam Journey Volume 2

By Rex Conway
The History Press, £19.99

REX Conway has written a series of books covering all the major areas of the country’s rail system in the age of steam.

His latest covers the Southern region and, more specifically, the area of the South East stretching from Portsmouth in the west to Margate in the east.

Conway takes us on his journey under the pretence of a group of railway enthusiasts in the 1950s keen to learn about the track, stations, railway works and, most importantly, the steam engines that worked their way up and down the mainlines to London and the branch lines to towns and villages.

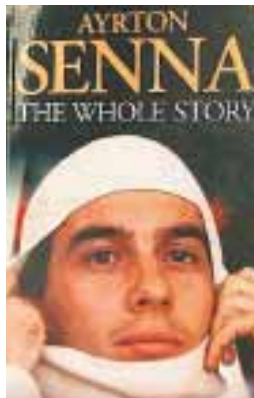
Conway’s journey must have taken place before Doctor Beeching got his hands – and indeed his axe of such notoriety – on the railway network as most of those branch lines were ripped up on his recommendation in the 1960s in an attempt to make the railways profitable.

The book is packed full of pictures of every conceivable type of steam train, from grand expresses with great names like The Golden Arrow to small Thomas the Tank-like shunters with more prosaic tags like ClassR1 no. 31010.

There are also pictures of stations, turntables and viaducts for the fan.

There is no denying this book is definitely one for the dedicated trainspotter, but for Kent readers it is of

particular interest as the county’s old steam trains and railway lines make up a major part of its content.



Ayrton Senna The Whole Story

By Christopher Hilton
Haynes, £9.99

TO coincide with a new documentary feature-film about the legendary Brazilian racing-driver, Haynes has released this latest volume.

Written by Christopher Hilton, it is an amalgamation of two of his earlier books on the three-time world champion, plus some new material and photos from Rainer Schlegelmilch.

Senna was one of Formula One’s most exciting drivers.

Fearless to the point of recklessness, he was one of the sport’s most successful champions. He also became a national icon for Brazil as its economy emerged from the third world into the first.

The book covers his entire career from his early days in karting, through the initial open-wheeled classes to Formula 3 and F1.

Senna began his Grand Prix career at Toleman-Hart in 1984. He made a big impression when he finished second in a wet Monaco race driving for the relatively inexperienced team. He moved to Lotus-Renault and then McLaren-Honda, the team with which he had the most success and where he began his titanic struggle with teammate Alain Prost.

He was killed while driving a Williams-Renault car in 1994 at the San Marino Grand Prix in Italy.

Hilton’s book is one for the devoted Formula One fans, so people may want to seek it out after seeing the award-winning film.

However, for a sport in which image plays such an important part, it is a shame the budget could not have run to a few more photographs.

Castle bash Reality stars play Leeds

Leeds Castle, Maidstone
Sunday, July 17
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ALEXANDRA Burke, who shot to fame after her victory on The X-Factor, heads for Leeds Castle to perform at Live At The Castle.

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Another X-Factor finalist, Stacey Solomon, who wowed the X-Factor judges with her emotional rendition of Louis Armstrong’s single What A Wonderful World, joins the line-up, along with Britain’s Got Talent runners-up, dance duo Twist and Pulse.

Headline band The Wanted, nominated for Best British Single at the Brits, will perform alongside Eliza Doolittle. Brazilian-born English rapper Aggro Santos will be gracing the stage after his recent role in TV’s I’m A Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here.

Many other up-and-coming bands will also be appearing. Tickets cost £27.50.



Go classical Prom finale confirmed

Rochester Castle
Saturday, July 16
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www.castleconcerts.co.uk

THIS year’s Castle Concerts season in Medway will be brought to a close with a classical proms night. The Royal Philharmonic Proms Orchestra is returning

to perform a selection of favourites, culminating in a spectacular fireworks display. Highlights of this year’s finale will include Tchaikovsky’s thundering 1812 Overture, the ever-popular Nessun Dorma and excerpts from Bizet’s passionate opera Carmen. The orchestra will be joined on stage by the voices of the 80-strong Hertfordshire Chorus. Guest soloists this year are soprano Jo Appleby, above, who has toured worldwide with opera band Amici Forever, and tenor Jonathon Ansell, who shot to fame with pop opera group G4 on The X Factor.

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Upstairs the property boasts four bedrooms, two with en-suite bathrooms, and a family bathroom featuring a large, multi-jet power-shower.

Downstairs the lounge is more than 35ft long, with full-height windows facing the rear and French doors to the garden. The kitchen is spacious, complete with fitted appliances including a five-burner hob, double ovens and even a built-in coffee-making machine. The worktops are white marble and match the white-marble floor tiles. There is a dining room and downstairs cloakroom with toilet.



The rear garden is a real asset to this home. It is secluded, with a large lawn and attractive planting of shrubs and trees. Another great benefit is a small heated swimming pool cleverly located in a corner of the grounds. The pool is designed to make the most of warm summer evenings. It includes a changing-room cabin and barbecue patio area. There is also a hot tub for year-round use that will mean the owners are never be short of friends!

The front of the property is paved and has a gated drive. A garage is under construction to the side of the property.

This detached house is in Palm Bay, Ciftonville, a coastal part of Margate to the east of the main town. It has attractive cliffs

overlooking the sandy bays of the coastline.

The area was originally created as an exclusive part of Margate in the 19th century for its wealthier inhabitants.

The poet TS Eliot came here in 1921 to recuperate from illness and he even mentions the sandy beaches of the area in his famous poem *The Waste Land*.

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New MX-5 tops the lot

By Sam Davison

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MAZDA launched the original MX-5 here in 1990, ten years after initial sketches and decades after the classic British sports cars that inspired it.

If gestation was protracted though, this famous roadster is proving to be long-lived.

Now well into its third generation, the successful formula remains: front engine/rear-wheel drive for best balance and handling, sporty short-throw gearshift, and Japanese reliability.

There is already speculation that Mazda will further refine this in the next generation MX-5, by moving the engine more midships for even more balance, while also trimming weight – the latter being a philosophy that the Japanese sporting brand is applying across all its cars.

Let's hope the Mark IV model also carries over the twist that has made the current car even more desirable – the powered folding hard top version or 'Roadster Coupe' as tested here.

Much as I love the soft top version (from £17,990), its secure all-seasons/all-weather sister is something of a no-brainer option for a not unreasonable two grand premium.

Since the latest MX-5 weighs little extra against the 1990 model, despite modern extras and safety/crash measures, the small weight penalty is also bearable – the Roadster Coupe carries just 37 kilos more than its soft-top sibling.

Quite brilliantly, Mazda's engineers have also ensured the hard top retracts behind the car's seats without penalising boot space, although you lose two small lockers behind the seats.

And this MX-5 drives as well as ever, with great poise on a winding road and good motorway refinement, although the MX-5 was always that rarity – a sports car to make light of long journeys.

Hardly surprising then that the Roadster

MAZDA MX-5 ROADSTER COUPE 1.8 SE: £19,500

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SUPER COUPE:
Mazda MX-5 Roadster Coupe just keeps getting better

Coupe version has taken off; Dartford-based Mazda UK expected a 50:50 sales split originally, only to see it edge closer to stealing 70 per cent of all MX sales, with added security and no loss of boot space seen as the big draws for buyers.

I still think the soft top edges it for looks when 'roof up', especially with the optional removable hard top, although this costs an extra £1,600 and wipes out much of the saving on a soft top against a Roadster Coupe and you have to manhandle that hardtop off and store it safely when not in use.

But it's too close to call in MX-5's natural 'roof down' environment – one that you must try on a bright yet crisp winter morning as often as any summer scorcher.

Performance doesn't matter then either, though the junior powertrain on our test car – the 125bhp 1.8-litre engine and five-speed 'box' – needs a rather leisurely 9.9 seconds to hit 62mph.

There's still enough power to prove that no

other car delivers so much fun to the pound, but it might leave you yearning for the 159bhp 2.0-litre flagship motor, offered with five or six speeds and able to lop a couple of seconds off the 0-62mph figure.

But it's not all about speed, as the MX-5 race team is proving currently in a highly successful competition campaign.

And no car summary is complete now without a nod to eco credentials – both engine options are good for an average of around 40mpg, though how and why anyone would set out to achieve those in an opentop sport car is debatable.

The current car cleverly echoes the classic Mark 1 inside, yet it's a far cry from the original. All the modern comforts are here: body-hugging seats with good support, robust materials and switchgear, far more space than ever before and useful stowage.

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Moving up the size range, Seat's Leon family five-door is also available in S Copa and SE Copa trim from a knockdown £13,995 – saving £2,185 over the £16,180 recommended retail price.

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It also has the clever Watt's link rear axle already proven on the existing Astra five-door and Sports Tourer estate models, combining excellent stability with handling precision.

Although it is the third Astra model, the only elements the GTC shares with its siblings are

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British design wizard, Mark Adams, wanted to create a car that looks like it's been plucked from the class above, with its low, wide stance and simple, yet rakish lines.

Adams said: "We didn't want emotion to get in the way of functionality – it still needed to be clever, affordable and practical."

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| 2006(06) RENAULT MEGANE DYNAMIQUE VVT 111 CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 21000 miles | £7,995 |
| 2008(08) NISSAN MICRA VISIA CC MANUAL CONVERTIBLE, CHAMPAGNE, 6000 miles | £7,995 |

NEW FIESTA

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| 2011(11) FORD FIESTA TITANIUM 5DR HATCH AUTO, MIDNIGHT SKY, 500 miles | £12,995 |
| 2010(60) FORD FIESTA TITANIUM 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 2000 miles | £11,995 |
| 2009(09) FORD FIESTA ZETEC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 3000 miles | £9,995 |
| 2009(58) FORD FIESTA STYLE PLUS 3DR HATCH AUTO, MOONDUST SILVER, 3000 miles | £8,995 |

FOCUS HATCH & SALOON

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| 2008(08) FORD FOCUS ZETEC 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 9000 miles | £8,995 |
| 2008(58) FORD FOCUS STYLE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 11000 miles | £8,495 |
| 2008(08) FORD FOCUS STYLE 5DR HATCH AUTO, VISION BLUE, 8000 miles | £7,995 |
| 2009(58) FORD FOCUS ZETEC 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 3000 miles | £7,995 |
| 2008(08) FORD FOCUS STYLE 5DR HATCH AUTO, SEA GREY, 16000 miles | £7,995 |
| 2008(57) FORD FOCUS STYLE 5DR HATCH AUTO, SEA GREY, 7000 miles | £7,495 |
| 2005(54) FORD FOCUS ZETEC 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 29000 miles | £4,995 |
| 2004(54) FORD FOCUS ZETEC 3DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 11000 miles | £4,495 |

FOCUS ESTATES

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| 2008(08) FORD FOCUS ZETEC ESTATE AUTO, MOONDUST SILVER, 4000 miles | £8,995 |
| 2008(08) FORD FOCUS STYLE ESTATE AUTO, RED, 11000 miles | £7,995 |

RENAULT SCENIC

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| 2009(59) RENAULT GRAND SCENIC DYNAMIQUE DCI FAP TURBO MPV AUTO, BLUE, 6000 miles | £14,995 |
| 2007(07) RENAULT GRAND SCENIC DYNAMIQUE VVT 136 7STR MPV AUTO, BLUE, 8000 miles | £8,995 |
| 2007(07) RENAULT SCENIC PRIVILEGE VVT 111 5STR MPV AUTO, GREY, 26000 miles | £6,995 |
| 2006(06) RENAULT MEGANE DYNAMIQUE VVT MPV AUTO, GOLD, 11000 miles | £5,495 |

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| 2009(59) RENAULT MEGANE PRIVILEGE COUPE AUTO, RUBY RED, 8000 miles | £11,995 |
| 2010(59) RENAULT SCENIC EXPRESSION VVT MPV AUTO, CHAMPAGNE, 12000 miles | £11,995 |
| 2010(10) RENAULT GRAND MODUS DYNAMIQUE VVT 5DR HATCH AUTO, OTTOMON BLUE, 1000 miles | £9,995 |
| 2008(08) RENAULT MEGANE DYNAMIQUE VVT 111 CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLACK, 6000 miles | £9,995 |
| 2006(56) RENAULT MEGANE PRIVILEGE VVT 111 CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 14000 miles | £8,995 |
| 2006(06) RENAULT MEGANE DYNAMIQUE VVT 111 CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLUE, 21000 miles | £7,995 |
| 2008(58) RENAULT KANGOO AUTHENTIQUE 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 300 miles | £7,995 |
| 2008(08) RENAULT GRAND SCENIC DYNAMIQUE VVT 136 7STR MPV AUTO, GREEN, 15000 miles | £7,995 |
| 2008(58) RENAULT KANGOO EXPRESSION 16V MPV AUTO, GREY, 1500 miles | £7,495 |
| 2008(08) RENAULT SCENIC DYNAMIQUE VVT 111 5STR MPV AUTO, GOLD, 5000 miles | £6,995 |
| 2008(57) RENAULT MODUS DYNAMIQUE S VVT 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 9000 miles | £6,495 |
| 2006(06) RENAULT SCENIC PRIVILEGE VVT MPV AUTO, RED, 26000 miles | £5,495 |
| 2001(Y) RENAULT SCENIC EXPRESSION+ 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, CHAMPAGNE, 30000 miles | £3,695 |

CHEROLET

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| 2009(58) CHEVROLET LACETTI SX ESTATE AUTO, BLACK, 9000 miles | £6,995 |
| 2008(08) CHEVROLET LACETTI SX 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 6000 miles | £5,995 |
| 2008(08) CHEVROLET KALOS SX 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 12000 miles | £5,495 |
| 2008(08) CHEVROLET KALOS SX 5DR HATCH AUTO, SPORTS BLUE, 18000 miles | £5,495 |
| 2008(58) CHEVROLET MATIZ SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREEN, 7000 miles | £4,995 |

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| 2006(56) CHEVROLET LACETTI SX 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 15000 miles | £4,995 |
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HYUNDAI

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| 2011(11) HYUNDAI I20 COMFORT 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 100 miles | £10,995 |
| 2008(08) HYUNDAI COUPE SIII COUPE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 4000 miles | £9,995 |
| 2010(10) HYUNDAI I30 COMFORT 5DR HATCH AUTO, ATLANTIC BLUE, 6000 miles | £8,995 |
| 2010(10) HYUNDAI I10 COMFORT 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 900 miles | £7,995 |
| 2008(58) HYUNDAI GETZ GSI 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 10000 miles | £6,995 |
| 2008(08) HYUNDAI MATRIX GSI MPV AUTO, BLUE, 10000 miles | £6,495 |
| 2008(08) HYUNDAI MATRIX GSI MPV AUTO, WINE RED, 13000 miles | £6,495 |
| 2008(08) HYUNDAI MATRIX GSI MPV AUTO, BLUE, 2000 miles | £6,495 |
| 2008(08) HYUNDAI MATRIX GSI MPV AUTO, WINE RED, 7000 miles | £6,495 |
| 2008(08) HYUNDAI AMICA CDX 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 9000 miles | £5,995 |
| 2008(08) HYUNDAI AMICA CDX 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 24000 miles | £5,495 |
| 2007(07) HYUNDAI GETZ CDX 5DR HATCH AUTO, SEASIDE BLUE, 19000 miles | £5,495 |
| 2008(57) HYUNDAI MATRIX GSI MPV AUTO, BLUE, 27000 miles | £4,995 |
| 2008(08) HYUNDAI MATRIX GSI MPV AUTO, WINE RED, 7000 miles | £6,495 |
| 2008(08) HYUNDAI AMICA CDX 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 9000 miles | £6,995 |
| 2008(08) HYUNDAI AMICA CDX 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 24000 miles | £5,495 |
| 2007(07) HYUNDAI GETZ CDX 5DR HATCH AUTO, SEASIDE BLUE, 19000 miles | £5,495 |
| 2008(57) HYUNDAI MATRIX GSI MPV AUTO, BLUE, 27000 miles | £4,995 |

KIA

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| 2010(10) KIA PICANTO STRIKE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 3000 miles | £7,995 |
| 2008(08) KIA RIO GS 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 13000 miles | £6,495 |

DAIHATSU

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| 2008(08) DAIHATSU MATERIA 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 12000 miles | £6,995 |
| 2008(08) DAIHATSU SIRION SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 8000 miles | £6,995 |
| 2008(08) DAIHATSU SIRION SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 13000 miles | £6,995 |
| 2007(57) DAIHATSU SIRION SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 9000 miles | £6,495 |
| 2007(07) DAIHATSU SIRION 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 20000 miles | £5,995 |
| 2007(07) DAIHATSU SIRION SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 16000 miles | £5,995 |

BMW

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| 2009(59) BMW 3 SERIES 320I SE COUPE AUTO, BRONZE, 4000 miles | £19,995 |
| 2003(52) BMW 3 SERIES 316TI SE 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 50000 miles | £4,995 |

FIAT

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| 2010(10) FIAT 500 BY DIESEL DUALOGIC 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 7000 miles | £10,995 |
| 2010(10) FIAT PUNTO EVO DYNAMIC DUALOGIC 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 500 miles | £9,495 |

FUSION

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| 2010(60) FORD FUSION TITANIUM 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 3000 miles | £10,995 |
| 2010(10) FORD FUSION ZETEC 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 1800 miles | £9,995 |
| 2008(08) FORD FUSION FUSION + 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 13000 miles | £7,995 |
| 2008(08) FORD FUSION FUSION + 5DR HATCH AUTO, SEA GREY, 3000 miles | £7,995 |
| 2009(09) FORD FUSION FUSION + 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 16000 miles | £7,495 |
| 2009(09) FORD FUSION ZETEC CLIMATE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 11000 miles | £6,995 |
| 2008(08) FORD FUSION ZETEC CLIMATE 5DR HATCH AUTO, OCEAN BLUE, 20000 miles | £5,995 |

CITROEN

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| 2009(59) CITROEN C3 EXCLUSIVE 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 400 miles | £8,995 |
| 2008(58) CITROEN C3 EXCLUSIVE 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 10000 miles | £7,995 |
| 2008(57) CITROEN C3 SX 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 2000 miles | £6,495 |
| 2007(07) CITROEN XSARA PICASSO VTX 16V ESTATE AUTO, WICKED RED, 13000 miles | £5,995 |
| 2006(06) CITROEN XSARA PICASSO DESIRE 16V ESTATE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 9000 miles | £4,995 |

CORSA

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| 2010(10) VAUXHALL CORSA EXCLUSIV 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 2000 miles | £8,995 |
| 2008(58) VAUXHALL CORSA DESIGN 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 11000 miles | £7,995 |
| 2008(08) VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB AC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 7000 miles | £6,995 |
| 2008(08) VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB AC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, GOLD, 9000 miles | £6,995 |
| 2008(08) VAUXHALL CORSA SXI AC 16V 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 6000 miles | £6,995 |
| 2008(08) VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB AC 16V 3DR HATCH AUTO, METRO BLUE, 8000 miles | £6,495 |
| 2007(57) VAUXHALL CORSA CLUB AC 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, GOLD, 6000 miles | £6,495 |
| 2006(06) VAUXHALL CORSA LIFE 12V TWINPORT MTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 27000 miles | £4,995 |
| 2005(05) VAUXHALL CORSA DESIGN 16V 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 25000 miles | £4,995 |

MAZDA

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| 2008(08) MAZDA 5 5 TS2 MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 21000 miles | £9,995 |
| 2008(08) MAZDA 5 5 TS2 MPV AUTO, GOLD, 18000 miles | £9,995 |
| 2008(58) MAZDA 3 3 TAKARA 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 5000 miles | £9,995 |
| 2008(08) MAZDA 3 3 TS2 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 17000 miles | £8,995 |
| 2007(56) MAZDA 2 2 S 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 17000 miles | £5,495 |
| 2006(56) MAZDA 2 2 S 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 22000 miles | £4,995 |

SUZUKI

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| 2009(59) SUZUKI SWIFT GLX 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 5000 miles | £8,995 |
| 2007(57) SUZUKI SX4 GLX 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 21000 miles | £7,495 |
| 2009(59) SUZUKI ALTO SZ4 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 8000 miles | £6,995 |

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TOYOTA

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| 2006(56) TOYOTA RAV-4 XT4 VVT-I ESTATE AUTO 4x4, BLACK, 35000 miles | £12,995 |
| 2010(10) TOYOTA AYGO BLUE VVT-I 5DR HATCH AUTO, CARIBBEAN BLUE, 6000 miles | £7,995 |

NISSAN

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| 2010(10) NISSAN QASHQAI ASENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 8000 miles | £16,995 |
| 2010(10) NISSAN QASHQAI ASENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, CAYMAN BLUE, 7000 miles | £16,995 |
| 2008(58) NISSAN QASHQAI ASENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, CAFFE LATTE, 12000 miles | £15,495 |
| 2008(08) NISSAN QASHQAI ASENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, CAYMAN BLUE, 10000 miles | £14,995 |
| 2008(08) NISSAN QASHQAI TEKNA 5DR HATCH AUTO, FADED DENIM, 19000 miles | £14,995 |
| 2007(57) NISSAN QASHQAI ASENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, CAFFE LATTE, 12000 miles | £13,995 |
| 2007(57) NISSAN QASHQAI ASENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, FADED DENIM, 18000 miles..... | £12,995 |
| 2010(60) NISSAN NOTE TEKNA MPV AUTO, INFERNO RED, 2000 miles | £11,995 |
| 2010(60) NISSAN CUBE KAIZEN 5DR HATCH AUTO, WHITE, 3000 miles | £11,995 |
| 2011(60) NISSAN NOTE N-TEC MPV AUTO, CHAMPAGNE, 3000 miles | £11,495 |
| 2010(10) NISSAN MICRA N-TEC 5DR HATCH AUTO, CHAMPAGNE, 9000 miles | £9,995 |
| 2010(59) NISSAN NOTE N-TEC MPV AUTO, BLADE SILVER, 5000 miles | £9,995 |
| 2008(08) NISSAN MICRA TEKNA CC CONVERTIBLE AUTO, CHAMPAGNE, 14000 miles | £9,495 |
| 2008(08) NISSAN MICRA ASENTA CC CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLACK, 4000 miles | £8,995 |
| 2009(59) NISSAN MICRA ASENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 8000 miles | £8,995 |
| 2009(09) NISSAN MICRA ASENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 13000 miles | £8,495 |
| 2009(58) NISSAN MICRA ASENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, CAFFE LATTE, 7000 miles..... | £7,995 |
| 2007(57) NISSAN MICRA ASENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 15000 miles | £6,995 |
| 2007(57) NISSAN MICRA SPIRITA 3DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 18000 miles | £6,995 |
| 2007(57) NISSAN MICRA ASENTA 3DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 3000 miles | £6,995 |
| 2008(57) NISSAN MICRA ASENTA 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 15000 miles | £6,995 |
| 2008(08) NISSAN NOTE TEKNA MPV AUTO, CHAMPAGNE, 11000 miles | £6,995 |
| 2008(08) NISSAN MICRA ASENTA PLUS 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 19000 miles | £6,995 |
| 2008(58) NISSAN NOTE TEKNA MPV AUTO, GREY, 19000 miles | £6,995 |
| 2008(08) NISSAN NOTE TEKNA MPV AUTO, EMOTION RED, 11000 miles | £6,995 |
| 2008(08) NISSAN NOTE ASENTA MPV AUTO, ORANGE, 21000 miles | £6,495 |
| 2006(56) NISSAN NOTE SE MPV AUTO, ORANGE, 21000 miles | £5,995 |
| 2006(56) NISSAN MICRA INITIA 3DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 5000 miles | £5,995 |
| 2008(08) NISSAN NOTE TEKNA MPV AUTO, BLACK, 24000 miles..... | £5,995 |
| 2005(05) NISSAN MICRA S 3DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 6000 miles | £4,995 |
| 2005(05) NISSAN ALMERA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 15000 miles..... | £4,995 |
| 2005(05) NISSAN ALMERA SE 3DR HATCH AUTO, MERLOT RED, 1800 miles | £4,995 |
| 2005(05) NISSAN MICRA S 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 5000 miles | £4,995 |
| 2004(54) NISSAN ALMERA TINO S 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 13000 miles | £4,995 |
| 2005(55) NISSAN ALMERA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 39000 miles..... | £4,995 |
| 2005(54) NISSAN ALMERA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, CAFE LATTE, 9000 miles | £4,995 |
| 2005(05) NISSAN ALMERA S 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 11000 miles | £4,995 |
| 2004(54) NISSAN MICRA SE 3DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 32000 miles | £4,695 |

ASTRA HATCHBACKS

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| 2008(58) VAUXHALL ASTRA ELITE 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, PANACOTTA, 15000 miles | £9,995 |
| 2009(59) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 8000 miles | £9,995 |
| 2009(59) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 3DR HATCH AUTO, TECHNICAL GREY, 5000 miles | £9,495 |
| 2010(59) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 3DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 12000 miles | £9,495 |
| 2009(09) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, SILVER LIGHTNING, 14000 miles | £8,995 |
| 2009(59) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREEN, 2000 miles | £8,995 |
| 2008(58) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 3000 miles..... | £8,495 |
| 2007(57) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, TURQUOISE, 20000 miles | £6,995 |
| 2008(08) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, PANNACOTTA, 14000 miles | £6,495 |
| 2008(08) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, ULTRA BLUE, 7000 miles..... | £6,495 |
| 2007(57) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 17000 miles | £5,995 |
| 2008(57) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 16V E4 5DR HATCH AUTO, TURQUOISE, 16000 miles | £5,995 |

NEW MODEL ASTRA

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| 2010(10) VAUXHALL ASTRA ELITE 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREEN, 900 miles | £14,995 |
| 2010(60) VAUXHALL ASTRA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 2000 miles | £13,995 |
| 2010(60) VAUXHALL ASTRA SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 1500 miles | £13,995 |
| 2010(10) VAUXHALL ASTRA EXCLUSIV 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 7000 miles | £10,995 |

ASTRA ESTATES

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| 2010(10) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 140 ESTATE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 3000 miles | £9,995 |
| 2008(58) VAUXHALL ASTRA LIFE AC 140 ESTATE AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 8000 miles | £6,995 |
| 2006(56) VAUXHALL ASTRA DESIGN 16V ESTATE AUTO, PANACOTTA, 19000 miles | £5,995 |

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| 2008(08) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA DESIGN 16V MPV AUTO, SILVER LIGHTNING , 9000 miles | £9,995 |
| 2010(10) VAUXHALL MERIVA DESIGN 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 5000 miles | £9,995 |
| 2008(08) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 9000 miles | £8,995 |
| 2009(59) VAUXHALL MERIVA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, GOLD, 3000 miles..... | £8,995 |
| 2008(08) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA CLUB 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 12000 miles | £8,995 |
| 2008(08) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, STEEL BLUE, 11000 miles | £8,495 |
| 2008(08) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 17000 miles | £8,495 |
| 2008(57) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 14000 miles | £7,995 |
| 2008(57) VAUXHALL MERIVA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 7000 miles | £6,995 |
| 2008(08) VAUXHALL MERIVA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, BLUE, 6000 miles | £6,995 |
| 2005(05) VAUXHALL ZAFIRA LIFE 16V MPV AUTO, GREY, 8000 miles | £5,495 |

PEUGEOT

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| 2010(10) PEUGEOT 207 CC SPORT CONVERTIBLE AUTO, BLACK, 8000 miles | £13,995 |
| 2010(10) PEUGEOT 207 SPORT 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 7000 miles | £10,995 |
| 2010(10) PEUGEOT 308 S 5DR HATCH AUTO, IRON GREY, 2000 miles | £9,995 |
| 2009(09) PEUGEOT 308 S 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 9000 miles | £8,995 |
| 2008(08) PEUGEOT 307 SW SE ESTATE AUTO, DIABLO RED, 13000 miles | £8,995 |
| 2008(08) PEUGEOT 207 SE PREMIUM 5DR HATCH AUTO, CHAMPAGNE, 12000 miles | £8,995 |

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| 2008(08) PEUGEOT 308 S 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 4000 miles | £7,995 |
| 2007(57) PEUGEOT 307 SW SE ESTATE AUTO, RED, 23000 miles | £7,495 |
| 2007(57) PEUGEOT 206 LOOK 3DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 2000 miles | £6,995 |

HONDA

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| 2008(57) HONDA CR-V I-VTEC ES 5DR HATCH AUTO 4x4, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 10000 miles | £17,995 |
| 2008(57) HONDA CR-V ES AUTO 5DR AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 17000 miles | £17,995 |
| 2007(07) HONDA CR-V I-VTEC ES 5DR HATCH AUTO 4x4, GREY, 24000 miles | £16,995 |
| 2006(06) HONDA CR-V I-VTEC SE ESTATE AUTO 4x4, BLACK, 26000 miles | £11,995 |
| 2009(09) HONDA JAZZ DSI SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 3000 miles | £9,995 |
| 2008(58) HONDA JAZZ DSI SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 9000 miles | £9,495 |
| 2008(08) HONDA JAZZ DSI SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 16000 miles | £8,995 |
| 2005(55) HONDA JAZZ DSI SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, RED, 48000 miles | £5,995 |

MERCEDES

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| 2009(59) MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A160 CDI CLASSIC SE 5DR TD HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 4000 miles .. | £13,995 |
| 2008(58) MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A170 AVANTGARDE SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 16000 miles .. | £13,995 |
| 2007(57) MERCEDES-BENZ C CLASS C180K AVANTGARDE SE SALOON AUTO, CUBANITE SILVER, 23000 miles | £12,995 |
| 2009(09) MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A160 CDI CLASSIC SE 5DR TD HATCH AUTO, STEPPE BROWN, 13000 | miles |
| 2007(57) MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A150 AVANTGARDE SE 3DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 11000 | miles |
| 2007(57) MERCEDES-BENZ A CLASS A150 CLASSIC SE 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 6000 miles | £9,995 |

VOLKSWAGEN

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| 2008(08) VOLKSWAGEN GOLF MATCH FSI 115 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 7000 miles | £11,995 |
| 2008(08) VOLKSWAGEN GOLF MATCH FSI 115 5DR HATCH AUTO, DIAMOND BLACK, 11000 miles..... | £11,995 |
| 2008(08) VOLKSWAGEN GOLF MATCH TDI 105 DSG 5DR TD HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 17000 miles | £11,995 |
| 2008(08) VOLKSWAGEN GOLF S 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 12000 miles | £10,995 |
| 2009(59) VOLKSWAGEN POLO MATCH (80BHP) 5DR HATCH AUTO, REFLEX SILVER, 780 miles..... | £9,995 |
| 2006(06) VOLKSWAGEN GOLF PLUS GT TDI DSG 5DR TD HATCH AUTO, GREY, 47000 miles | £9,995 |
| 2008(58) VOLKSWAGEN POLO MATCH 3DR AUTO, BLACK, 12000 miles | £8,995 |
| 2009(09) VOLKSWAGEN POLO MATCH (80BHP) 5DR HATCH AUTO, ALUMINIUM SILVER, 10000 miles | £8,995 |
| 2009(09) VOLKSWAGEN POLO MATCH (80BHP) 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 10000 miles | £8,995 |
| 2008(08) VOLKSWAGEN POLO MATCH (80BHP) 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLACK, 10000 miles | £7,995 |
| 2008(08) VOLKSWAGEN POLO MATCH (80BHP) 5DR HATCH AUTO, GREY, 13000 miles | £7,995 |
| 2008(08) VOLKSWAGEN POLO MATCH (80BHP) 5DR HATCH AUTO, BLUE, 10000 miles | £7,995 |

DIESEL AUTOMATICS

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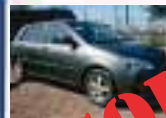
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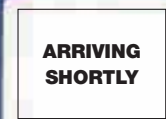
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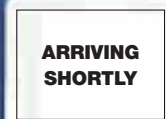
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FIAT

500, POP, 2009, abs brakes air conditioning electric windows immobiliser power steering, minimal grey, 30780 miles, £7000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

BRAVO, 1.4, 2008, black, 55 miles, £10000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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SCUDO, 1.6 COMFORT 90 L1Call Waheeda 07825670994, 2010, abs brakes cd player diesel immobiliser power steering side load door remote central locking, blue, 18000 miles, £8000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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RANGE ROVER, 2009, abs brakes air con alarm fitted alloys automatic cd central locking climate control cruise control electric windows heated seats immobiliser leather interior multiple airbags reverse parking aid, black, 11653 miles, £42000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

LEXUS

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MAZDA

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MINI

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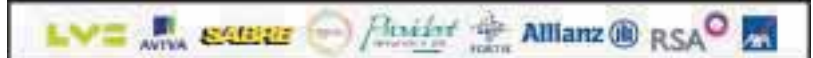
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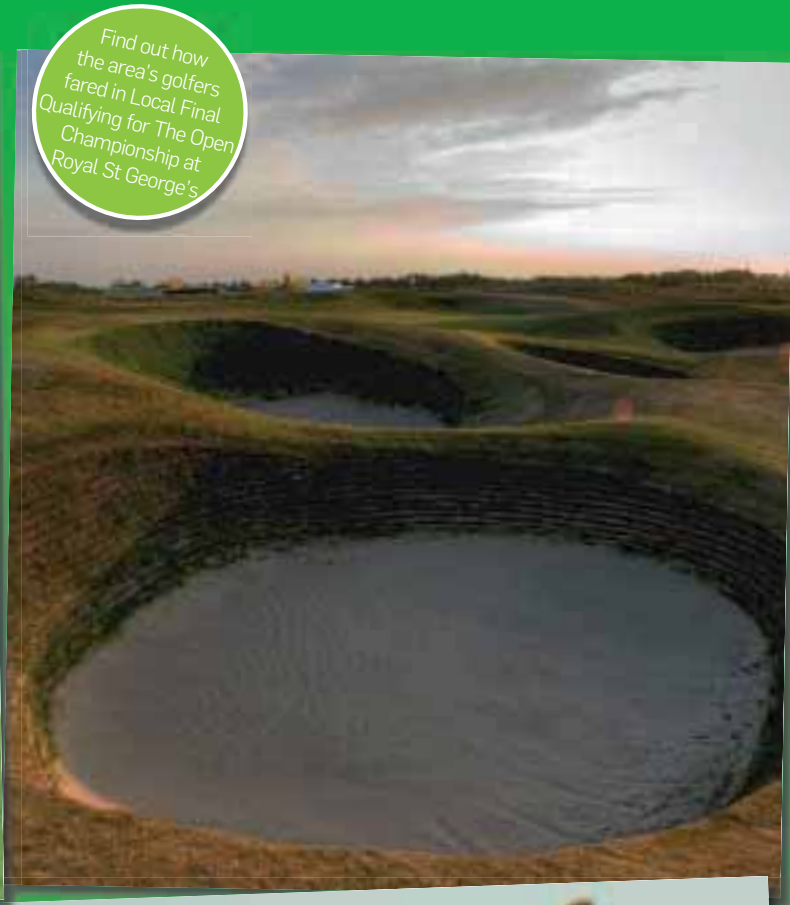


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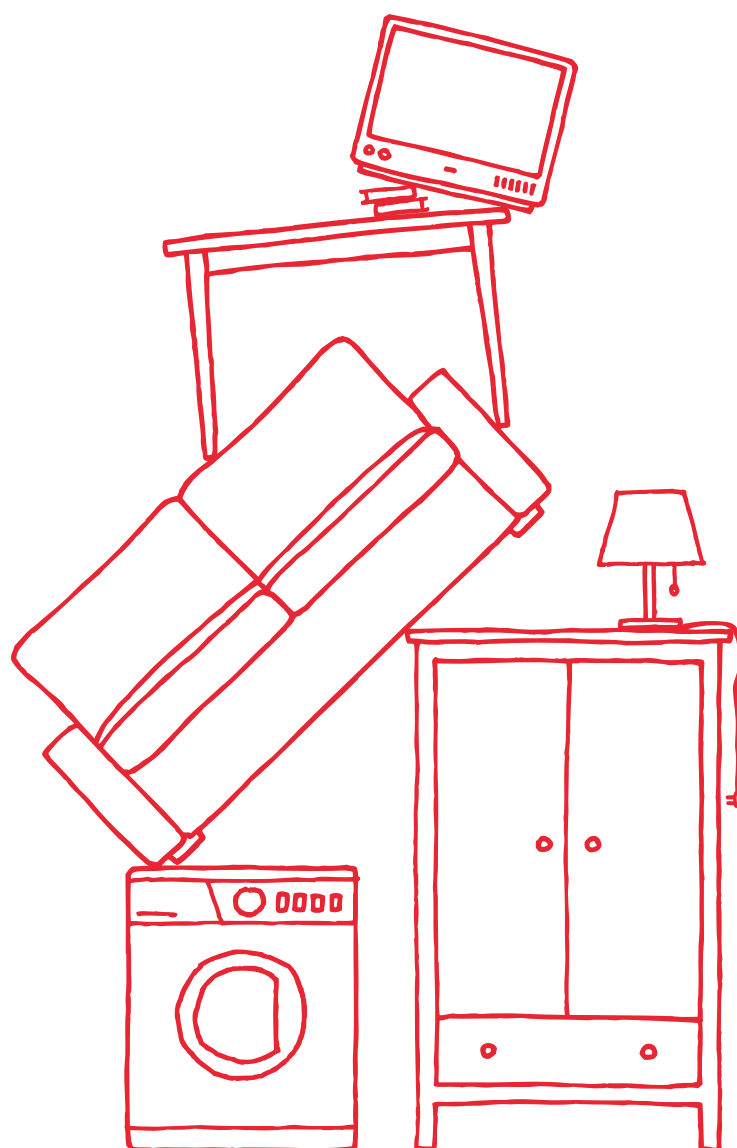
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